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Newell S. Booth, Presiding Bishop

E. L. Sells, Secretary

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PART I

OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE

President: Bishop Newell S. Booth
B. P. 522, Elisabethville, Belgian Congo.

Secretary: Rev. E. L. Sells
Mrewa, Southern Rhodesia
Assistants: Rev. K. Choto
Mtoko, Southern Rhodesia
Miss M. Deyo
Mutambara, Southern Rhodesia
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P. B. P. 24, Umtali So. Rhodesia
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Treasurer: Rev. R. C. Gates
P. O. Box 444, Umtali, Southern Rhodesia

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Mrewa, Southern Rhodesia
Assistant: Rev. J. Chidzikwe
Mrewa, Southern Rhodesia

Lay Leader: Mr. Enoch Chieza, 56 Chisamba, Sakubva, Umtali

The Cabinet: Rev. P. Hassing, Chairman; Rev. C. M. Miller, Secretary

PART II

A. BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

Conference Claimants
1960- L. Blomquist, H. Anfinsen, J. Rugayo, S. Chitiyo, J. Nyamurowa, and I. Muringapi.
1964- S. Chieza, P. Nyamukapa, K. Eriksson, S. Kasambira, H. Griffin, J. Jijita.

EDUCATION
K. Eriksson (Chairman), G. Kapenzi (Secretary)

1. **Religious Education and Youth Work**
P. C. Nyamukapa (Chm.), D. Hickok (Sec.), P. M. Gurupira, Mrs. M. Culver, J. Makande, J. S. Wreford, J. Makuto, D. Sheretz, T. Chingono, D. Chinogureyi, P. Machiri, J. Munjoma, E. Mutanga, J. Nemaungwe, A.

Muzorewa, P. Maviza, T. Mhandu, W. Makunike, W. Mandisodza, A. Whitney, R. Lind, M. Goodloe, S. Chikukwa, H. Maranke, I. Tsopotsa, J. Chitombo, M. Ball, L. Pfaff, C. Miller.

2. **Schools**
E. Sells (Chm.), B. Jambga (Sec.), J. Nduna, W. Chieza, S. Makawa, E. Parks, M. Mataranyika, J. Gonye, M. Taylor, F. Hackler, S. King, D. Makuto, G. Kapenzi, H. Mafunge, J.Pfaff, W. Gazeley, K. Choto, B. Higgs, S. Aldrich, G. Shaba, R. Bartholomew, J. Mhlanga, S. Kuwana, K. Ericksson, S. Hervold, A. Dangarembga.

3. **Community Life and Home**
S. Chieza (Chm.), D. Manbeck (Sec.), P. Kanonuhwa, N. Chigubu, R. Hanson, H. Katsidzira, E. Muringapi, M. Hunidzarira, D. Mushapaidze, J. Jijita, J. Maramba, E. Chieza, J. Machiri, J. Risinamhudzi, E. Miller, O. Anfinsen M. Johansson, P. W. Jones, M. Aeschliman, R. Sheretz, A. Kajese, S. Smalley, M. Gates, R. Matzigkeit, S. Kasambira, O. Sells, P. Chieza, A. Madzimbamuto, L. Chiweshe, M. Blomquist, O. Ericksson, Mrs. Jansen.

4. **Publications**
M. Culver (Chm.), E. Matzigkeit (Sec.), C. Piburn, I. Scovill, S. Higgs, L. Murphree, M. Chiza, E. Ashby B. Smalley, R. Goodloe, S. Munjoma, J. Rugayo, J. Carr.

EVANGELISM
M. W. Murphree (Chm.), J. Chimbadzwa (Sec.), L. Murphree, O. Stine, D. Mudzengerere, Mai Mhlanga, M. Chiza, Mai Waeni, L. Blomquist, E. Chimbwanda, E. Matongo, F. Chipaumire, E. Munjoma, Z. Mukombiwa, M. Hunidzarira, J. Risinamhudzi, I. Tsopotsa, J. S. Wreford, J. Tsiga, F. Mataure, D. Chipaumire, E. Jangano, S. Mandizha, E. Chidzikwe, A. Mutsago, A. Majakai, T. Katiyo, W. Masangudza, E. Mvududu, G. Rakabopa, T. Pedzeni, L. Chieza, R. Gates, N. Dikanfuwa, W. Mutenda, S. Muzulu, E. Kanonuhwa.

LAY ACTIVITIES
The Conference and District Lay Leaders, and District Superintendents.

MEDICAL ACTIVITITES
M. Piburn (Chm.), E. Ashby (Sec.), P. Gurupira, C. Miller, E. Sells, R. Hanson, R. Hassing, Mrs. Jansen, M. Johannsen, W. Jones, R. Larsen, M. Aeschliman, S.

Muzulu, I. Mhandu, M. Goodloe, J. Lind C. Nutting, E. Sweeny, A. Whitney, F. Mataure, J. Gonye, J. Tsiga, S. Kanyenze, P. Nyamukapa, D. Makuto, J. Chidzikwe, D. Chipaumire, J. Risinamhudzi, I. Tsopotsa.

MINISTERIAL QUALIFICATIONS, TRAINING, AND RELATIONS

E. Aeschliman (Chm.), O. Stine (Sec.), S. Aldrich, L. Blomquist, L. Chieza, S. Chieza, J. Chimbadzwa, J. Chitombo, W. Bourgaize, K. Choto, M. Culver, P. Hassing, T. Maranke, M. Mparutsa, M. J. Murphree, J. Nduna.

TEMPERANCE

N. Chigubu (Chm.), M. Ball (Sec.), H. Griffin, J. Jijita, S. Kasambira, M. Mparutsa, S. Munjoma, N. Dikanifuwa, A. Katsande, V.Otto, Mrs. Anfinson, R.Hassing, R. Sherertz, S. Hervold, S. Zuze, I. Tsopotsa, E. Mvududu, D. Chinogurenyi, T. Chiweshe, B. Katsidzira, Z. Mukombiwa, M. Taylor, T. Pedzeni, S. Nyakatswa, H. Mafunga, S. Katiwa, E. Matanga, A. Kajese, A. Madzimbamoto, R. Chieza, J. Makande, L. Kasambira, A, Kutseza, I. Chimbganda, D. Hickock, M. Hunidzarira, W. Masangudza, E. Muringapi.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

G. Kapenzi (Chm.), J. Machiri (Sec.), Jonah Machiri, M. Chiza, A. Kajese, E. Munjoma, J. Nemaungwe, L. Blomquist, J. Kawadza, A. Matongo, G. Otto, M. Blomquist, V. Culver, O. Eriksson, L. Murphree, B. J. Murphree, O. Sells, E. Russell, I. Scovill, T. Pedzeni, B. Jambga, S. Makawa, John Munjoma, L. Mandizha, L. Sherertz, M. Mataranyika, P. Machiri, A. Machakaire, P. Maviza, W. Mutenda, G. Rakabopa, W. Makunike, D. Mushapaidze, E. Chieza, M. Gates, S. Smalley.

Auditing

H. Anfinson (Chm), E. Jangano, J. Kawadza, S. Kowo, W. Mandisodza, A. Muzorewa, J. Carr, B. Higgs, E. Kinyon, E. Roberts, F. Hackler, E. Matzigkeit, S. Mandizha, L. Kasambira, E. Chidzikwe, N. Ndidzano.

Finance

R. C. Gates (Chm.), H. Anfinson, J. Chitombo, H. Griffin, E. Jangano, S. Kowo, N. Madzinga, J. Maramba, I. Scovill, J. Nyamurowa, Z. Chikuni, F. Mataure, E. Kuwana, E. Matongo, L. Blomquist, W. Kinyon, E. Roberts, B. Smalley, M. Stine, M. Deyo, J. Wreford, T. Muringa-

pi, G. Shaba, J. Rugayo.

Interdenominational Relations
P. Hassing (Chm.), W. Bourgaize, S. Chieza, J. Chimbadzwa, M. Culver, K. Eriksson, T. Maranke, M. J. Murphree, J. Rugayo, E. Sells, T. Roberts, A. Kajese, S. King, M. Taylor, L. Mandizha, R. Gwinya, A. Mutsago, M. W. Murphree, A. Katsande, V. Otto, S. Zuze, W. Kinyon, M. Piburn, C. Nutting.

Investigations
M. J. Murphree (Chm.), T. Maranke, M. Muparutsa, P. Hassing, J. Nduna, P. Machiri.

Memoirs
L. Chieza (Chm.), H. Katsidzira, P. Machiri, A. Muzorewa, B. Higgs, R. Sheretz, E. Ashby, G. A. Roberts, Mrs. E. James, R. Ngonyama, L. Tubbs, P. Kabundwa, J. Chingono, J. Tsiga, O. Mutezo, A. Madzimbamoto.

Nominations
Conference Secretary, E. Chieza, B. Smalley, S. Makawa, T. Marange, K. Choto, J. Kawadza, J. Pfaff, M. J. Murphree, G. Otto, O. Stine, M. Deyo.

Programme
The District Superintendent and Pastor (where the Conference is being entertained), and the Secretary of the Conference.

Resolutions
D. Makuto, P. Nyamukapa, J. Carr, E. Miller, C. Piburn, E. Devries, P. Chieza, E. Matzigkeit, J. Gonye, John Munjoma, T. Chiweshe, E. Mufute, S. Mandizha.

Urban Areas
E. Aeschliman (Chm.), M. Ball, J. Chidzikwe, S. Chieza, J. Chimbadzwa, K. Eriksson, A. Kajese, C. Miller, D. Mushapaidze, J. Nemaungwe, O. Stine, M. Chiza, J. Jijita, A. Kutscza, I. Chimbganda, M. Aeschliman, D. Manbeck, S. Hervold, E. Devries, T. Maranke, H. Mafunga, W. Chieza, E. Chieza, G. Jangano, R. Chieza, J. Makande, Jasper Machiri, R. Goodloe, E. Matzigkeit.

Student Loan
E. Chieza (Chm.), K. Choto, S. Munjoma, G. Otto, I. Jansen, F. Hackler, E. Parks, L. Pfaff, S. Aldrich, J. Machiri, P. Gurupira, M. Goodloe, J. Pfaff, G. Kapenzi, M. Mataranyika, S. Nyakatswa, B. Jambga, S. Makawa,

Z. Katiwa, T. Katiyo, M. Habesa, S. Mandizha, E. Mufute, O. Mutezo.

C. FOR RECORD

THE FIELD COMMITTEE

Members: K. Eriksson, M. Deyo, M. E. Culver, J. Pfaff, T. Roberts, E. Parks, E. L. Sells, V. Otto, P. Hassing, H. Griffin, A. Whitney, K. Chotó, N. Ngonyama, J. Chimbadzwa, Mrs. J. Chitombo, J. Chitombo, Mrs. S. Chikukwa, J. Kawadza, Mrs. P. Nyamukapa, A. Dangarembga, R. Nyika, S. Kowo.

Alternates: B. Smalley, F. Hackler, O. Stine, M. Johannson, R. C. Gates, I. Scovill, B. Higgs, G. Otto, M. Piburn, M. Ball, E. Chieza, Mrs. I. Mhlanga, L. Chieza, Mrs. A. Kajese, J. Makuto, Mrs. J. Chatema, E. Sisimai, Mrs. A. Rusike.

This Field Committee was elected at the Conference held at Old Umtali in August, 1956. The officers are: Chairman, K. Eriksson; Secretary, Vivian Otto. Officers of the Missionary Committee: Chairman, H. Griffin; Secretary, J. Pfaff.

Joint Field Treasurer: P. Hassing. **Missionary Correspondents:** Vivian Otto, P. Hassing and E. Chieza.

Committees of Field Committee

African Girls Hostel, Umtali: H. I. James, Chairman, Mrs. Blackbeard, Secretary, Evelyn DeVries, M. Deyo, Mrs. A. L. Luke, Mrs. H. Malianga, J. Chimbadzwa.

Agricultural—Rural Work: Messers: Kinyon, Carr, Smalley, Griffin, Arnold Chimbganda, W Bourgaize, Sibanda, Dube, and Miss Tubbs. All professional agriculturalist - African and Missionary; others in charge of agricultural phases of the mission program. Ex-officio, chairman of the Field Committee, Field Treasurer; Chairman of Northern section, B. Smalley; Chairman of Southern section, L. Blomquist.

Auditing: M. Deyo, Chairman; R. C. Gates, Secretary. P. Hassing, E. Chieza, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Carr, C. Miller, I. Scovill, Mrs. Gates, F. Hackler, J. Kawadza.

Building : E. L. Sells, Chairman, J. Pfaff, J. Chitombo, A. Whitney, S. Chikukwa, G. Carr, Schevinius, C. West, B. Higgs.

Detailed Reports : K. Ericksson, J. Kawadza, H. Griffin, S. Kowo, P. Hassing, M. Deyo, V. Otto.

Evangelical Association : E. L. Sells.

Greeley Property: M. J. Murphree, P. Hassing, H. I. James. R. C. Gates and the African Pastor at Umtali.

Land and Leases: P. Hassing, T. Roberts, I. Scovill.

Literature: J. Pfaff, J. Chimbadzwa, K. Choto, Mrs. Chitombo, Mrs. Nyamukapa, M. Culver, E. Matzigkeit.

Medical: M. Piburn, C. Nutting, E. Ashby, E. deVries, Mrs. Chitombo, A. Whitney, R. Hanson, Mrs. Nyamwanza, E. J. Aeschliman.

Student Scholarships: E. Parks, N. Ngonyama, Sec. M. Deyo, Overseas Sec., A. Dangarembga, R. Nyika, B. Smalley, E. Chieza.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF RHODESIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

E. L. Sells, R. C. Gates, P. Hassing, E. Chieza, J. Machiri.
Reserves: M. J. Murphree, J. S. Wreford.

SOCIETIES AND COUNCILS

African Christian Convention

Northern Section:	Chairman:	J. T. Chitombo
	Vice Chairman:	J. S. Makuto
	Secretary:	D. Mushapaidzi
	Vice Secretary:	T. Mutemi
	Treasurer:	W. Mandisodza
	Advisory Members:	S. King
		M. J. Murphree
Southern Section:	Chairman:	S. W. Munjoma
	Vice Chairman:	S. Kasambira
	Secretary:	E. Matongo
	Vice Secretary:	E. Chieza
	Treasurer:	M. Mparutsa
	Advisory Members:	P. Hassing
		M. Deyo

Members of Executive: J. Machiri, M. Chiza, J. Chingono.

African Missionary Society — Ngariende

Executive Committee:	Chairman:	J. Kawadza
	Vice Chairman:	J. Chitombo
	Secretary:	S. Kowo
	Vice Secretary:	L. Mandizha
	Treasurer:	J. Chidzikwe

Members of Committee: Cleopas Madzimbamuto, Joseph

Makuto, William Maibaya, John Masosonore, Solomon Pawiramanzi, Enoch Munjoma, Enoch Chieza, Timothy Nyakunu

Rukwadzano Rwe Wadzimai

Northern Section:	Chairwoman:	Mrs. W. Mandisodza
	Vice Chairwoman:	Mrs. A. Kajese
	Secretary:	Mrs. J. Chitombo
	Vice Secretary:	Mrs. K. Choto
Southern Section:	Chairwoman:	Mrs. T. Maranke
	Vice Chairwoman:	Mrs. P. Machiri
	Secretary:	Mrs. Mparutsa
	Treasurer:	Mrs. E. Jangano

Methodist Historical Society

President: H. I. James
Vice President: Titus Maranke, G. A. Roberts
Secretary/Archivist: E. L. Sells
Members of the Committee: P. Hassing, J. Chimbadzwa, M. Deyo, W. Bourgaize and any other interested persons.

Methodist Council (In cooperation with the Synod)

The District Superintendents, H. James, (St. Andrews Church), J. Chimbadzwa, M. Deyo, E. L. Sells, P. Hassing, M. E. Culver, A. Muzorewa.

Southern Rhodesia Christian Conference

Voting Delegates: To be elected.
Member of the Executive Committee: E. L. Sells.
(Elected by the S. R. C. C. for 1956-58)

D. CONFERENCE ROLL
MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE

(1) Retired Ministers

1927 p Chieza, Philip, P.O. Box 16, Inyazura
1907 James, H.I., 8 Love Road, Umtali
1924 p Katsidzira, Benjamin, P.B. 214M, Umtali
1923 p Maranke Thomas, Mutsago, P.B. P59, Umtali
1921 Mandisodza David, P.O. Watsomba
1926 p Mukombiwa Zachariah, P.O. Mrewa
1925 p Ngonyama, Reginald, P.B. P24, Umtali
1910 O'Farrell, T.A., 417 Kitchel Avenue, Panna, Ill.
1921 p Roberts, G.A., P.O. Mutambara

(2) Effective Ministers

1916 p Aeschliman, E.J., 3 Dawson Street, Umtali
1923 Adkins, L E. (Missionary to another Society)
1953 p Aldrich, Sylvia, P.B.P24, Umtali
1948 p Anfinsen, H.F., P.B. P24, Umtali

1953 p Ball, Marcia, P.B. P24, Umtali
1940 p Blomquist, L.G., P.O. Mutambara
1939 Boucher, A.R. (On furlough)
1921 p Bourgaize, W., P.O. Mtoko
1948 p Chidzikwe, Josiah, P.O. Mrewa
1934 p Chieza, Luke, Nyakatsapa, P.O. Watsomba
1927 p Chieza, Samuel, 1233S/D Harare Township, Sby.
1942 p Chigubu, Nason, P.B. 636 E Salisbury
1926 p Chimbadzwa, Josiah, Hill Cottage, Stevens, Sakubva, Umtali
1933 p Chitombo, Jonah, P.B. 636 E Salisbury
1952 p Chiza, Martin, P.B. P24, Umtali
1948 p Choto, Kenneth, P.O. Mtoko
1943 p Culver, M.E., P.B. P24, Umtali
1954 p Dikanifuwa, Nason, P.B. 636 E Salisbury
1943 p Eriksson, K.E., P.O. Mutambara
1930 Fuller, C.E. (on furlough)
1923 p Gates, R.C., P.O. Box 444,Umtali
1948 Griffin, H.D., (on furlough)
1952 p Gurupira, Philemon, P.O. Box 16 Inyazura
1948 Harper, Kenneth, (on furlough)
1937 p Hassing, Per., P.B. P24, Umtali
1948 p Jangano, Elia, P.O. Mutambara
1953 p Jijita, John, P.B.636 E Salisbury
1942 p Kajese, Amon, P.B 636 E Salisbury
1932 p Kasambira, Silas, P.B. C 322, Umtali
1930 p Katsidzira, Hosea, P.O. Mrewa
1953 p Kawadza, Jonah, P.O. Mrewa
1953 p Kuwana, Elisha, P.O. Mrewa
1953 p Kowo, Simon, P.O. Mtoko
1948 Leiknes, A , (on furlough)
1933 p Machiri, Jonah, P.B. P24, Umtali
1930 p Machiri, Patrick, P.O. Box 56, Rusapi
1953 p Madzinga, Nason, P.O. Mtuhwa
1948 p Makuto, Daniel, P.O. Mtoko
1942 p Mandisodza, Wilson, P.O. Mrewa
1940 Mansure A.L., (on furlough)
1930 p Maramba, Johnson, Ngaite, P.B. 377 Umtali
1924 p Marange, Titus, P.O. Mutmbara
1951 p Miller, C.M., P.O. Mrewa
1928 p Muparutsa, Moses, Mutsago, P.B. P59, Umtali
1930 p Munjoma, Enock, P.B. 214 M Umtali
1942 p Munjoma, Samuel, P.O. Box 3, Odzi
1917 p Murphree, M.J , Box 196, Rusapi
1954 p Murphree, M.W., P.B. 636 E Salisbury
1953 p Mushapaidze, Davison, P O. Headlands
1953 p Muzorewa, Abel, Box 196, Rusapi
1928 p Nduna, John, Gilmerton Halt, 309 C Umtali
1953 p Nemaungwe, John, 18 Chisamba, Sakubva Umtali
1948 p Nyamukapa, Patron, P.O. Headlands
1953 p Otto, Grace, P.O. Mutambara
1953 p Otto, Vivian, P.B. 636 E Salisbury
1930 p Rugayo, Jackson, P.B. 317 C, Umtali

1921 p Sells, E.L., P.O. Mrewa
1943 p Stine, O.A., P.O. Rusape
1954 p Zuze, Solomon, P.O. Mtoko

PROBATIONERS

1953 p Chikosi, Davison, P.B. 309 C Umtali
1955 p Chimbganda, Elijah, P.O. Mtoko
1956 p Chinogureyi, David, P.O. Box 7 Odzi
1956 p Goodloe, Jr., Robert Wesley, P.B. P24, Umtali
1955 p Katsande, Alfred, Stapleford Forest P.O. Penhalonga
1955 p Matongo, Ezekiel, Mutsago, P.B. P59, Umtali
1956 p Muzulu, Samuel, Nyakatsapa, P.O. Watsomba

OTHER MISSIONARIES OF DIVISION OF WORLD MISSIONS

(1) Retired

1907 Gates, Mrs. H.L., Pickering, Ontario. Canada.
1912 James, Mrs. H. I., 8 Love Rd., Umtali.
1910 O'Farrell, Mrs. T.A., 417 Kitchel Avenue, Pana, Illinois.
1910 p Roberts, Mrs. G.A., P.O. Mutambara.
1919 Taylor, H.E.. 150 Fifth Ave., New York 11, N.Y.
1919 Taylor, Mrs H.E , 150 Fifth Ave., New York 11, N.Y.

(2) Effective:

1952 p Aeschliman, Mrs. E.J., 3 Dawson St., Umtali.
1951 p Anfinsen, Mrs. H.F., P.B. P24, Umtali.
1947 p Blomquist, Mrs. L.G., P.O. Mutambara.
1952 p Carr, Galen M., P.B. 636 E., Salisbury.
1952 p Carr, Mrs. G.M., P.B. 636 E , Salisbury.
1944 p Culver, Mrs. M.E., P.B. P24, Umtali.
1949 p Eriksson, Mrs. K.E., P.O. Mutambara
1922 p Gates, Mrs. R.C., P.O. Box 444, Umtali.
1956 p Goodloe, Mrs. R., P.B. P24, Umtali.
1951 Griffin, Mrs. H.D., (on furlough)
1926 p Hanson, Miss Ruth E., P.O. Mutambara.
1949 Harper, Mrs. K., (on furlough)
1941 p Hassing, Mrs. P., P.B. P24, Umtali.
1949 p Higgs, B.A., P.O. Mtoko.
1949 p Higgs, Mrs. B.A , P.O. Mtoko.
1950 p Jansen, I.W., P.B. P24, Umtali.
1950 p Jansen, Mrs. I.W., P B. P24, Umtali.
1950 Kinyon, W., (on furlough)
1950 Kinyon, Mrs. W., (on furlough)
1955 p Manbeck, D.M., P.B. P24, Umtali.
1956 p Matzigkeit, Everett, P.B. P24, Umtali.
1956 p Matzigkeit, Mrs. Everett, P.B. P24, Umtali.
1953 p Miller, Mrs. C.M., P.O. Mrewa.
1920 p Murphree, Mrs. M J. Box 196, Rusape.
1955 p Murphree. Mrs. M W., P.B. 636 E., Salisbury.
1953 Piburn, Dr. M., P.B. 636 E., Salisbury.
1953 p Piburn Mrs. M., P. B. 636 E., Salisbury.

1941 p Roberts, Tudor R., P.B. P24, Umtali.
1946 p Roberts, Mrs. Tudor R , P.B. P24, Umtali.
1929 p Sells, Mrs. E.L., P.O. Mrewa.
1952 p Sherertz, D.L., P.B. P24, Umtali
1952 p Sherertz, Mrs. D.L., P.B. P24, Umtali.
1952 p Smalley, Bruce, P.B 636 E, Salisbury.
1952 p Smalley, Mrs B., P.B. 636 E , Salisbury.
1950 p Stine, Mrs. O. A., P.O. Rusape.

WOMAN'S DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

(1) Retired

1912 Clark, Miss Grace, Glendora, California.
1915 Hess, Miss Stella, 1225 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing 15, Michigan.
1920 Parmenter, Miss Ona, Glendora, California.
1917 Quinton, Miss Frances, 1915 E. Main St., Crawfordville, Indiana.
1922 Reitz, Miss Beulah, 853 Barnette Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas.

(2) Effective

1945 p Ashby, Elma, P.B. 636 E., Salisbury.
1956 p Bartholomew, Dr. Ruth, P.B. P24, Umtali.
1939 p Deyo, Marguerite, P.O. Mutambara.
1944 DeVries, Evelyn, (on furlough)
1947 p Hackler, Frances, P.B. 636 E, Salisbury.
1947 p Hervold Signhild, P.B. P24, Umtali.
1956 p Hickok, Dorothy, P.B. P24, Umtali.
1947 p Johansson, Margit, P.B. 636 E, Salisbury.
1950 p Jones, Mrs. Pearl Willis, P.B. 636 E, Salisbury.
1923 p King, Sarah, P.B. 636 E, Salisbury
1954 p Larsen, Jenny, P.B. 636 E, Salisbury.
1954 p Lind, Ruth, P.B. 636 E, Salisbury.
1952 p Nutting, Dr. Clara, P.B. 636 E, Salisbury.
1938 p Parks, Edith, P.B. P24, Umtali.
1929 p Pfaff, Jessie, P.B. P24, Umtali.
1938 p Pfaff, Lois, P.B. P24, Umtali.
1952 p Russell, Esther, P.B. P24, Umtali.
1955 p Sawyer, Mildred, P.B. P24, Umtali.
1925 p Scovill, Ila, P.O. Mutambara.
1951 Sweeney, Ellen, (on furlough)
1947 p Taylor, Mildred, P.B. P24, Umtali.
1918 p Tubbs, Lulu, P.O. Mutambara.
1931 p Whitney, Alice, P.B. P24, Umtali.

SPECIAL WORKERS

Ferreira, Henry, P.B. P24, Umtali.
p Forest, Miss L.M., P.O. Mtoko.
p Gazeley, Mrs. W., P.B. P24, Umtali.
p West, T.J.C., African Girls' Hostel, Umtali.

Add to each address; Southern Rhodesia, Africa
The address of Missionaries on furlough is:
The Board of Missions of the Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, New York

The year given with the names of Missionaries is that of the arrival in Rhodesia. If there is any error in the year please inform the Secretary.

The year listed with members of Conference is that of the reception on Trial. "p" before the names indicate being present at the Conference.

DELEGATES:

Honde District:	Solomon Kanyenze
Mrewa District:	p Lazarus Mandizha, p Lazarus Chiweshe, p Aaron Madzimbamuto, p Peter Kanonhuhwa, p George Shaba, p Simon Mandizha, Samuel Nyakatswa, p Joseph Makuto.
Mtasa—Makoni District:	Z. Chikuni, Titus Muringapi, p G. Gonye, p G. Kapenzi.
Maranke—Chiduku District:	p Elia Chidzikwe, N. Ndidzano, p A. Mutsago, p Matthew Mataranyika, p M. Habesa.
Mtoko District:	p Henry Mafunga, p Samuel Makawa, p John Munjoma.
Mutambara District:	p Foroma Mataure, p Aaron Kutseza, Evison Mufute, p O. Mutezo, p Thomas Pedzeni, p Joseph Nyamurowa.
Nyadiri Dist:	p Bennie Jambga, Zachariah Kativa, p Titus Katiyo, p Evison Mutanga, p Philemon Kajese.
Salisbury:	p Josiah Makande, Mrs. S.S. Chieza.
Umtali Hill Top Church:	p Jasper Machiri
St. Andrew's:	p J. S. Wreford

Conference Lay Leader: p Enoch Chieza

DISTRICT LAY LEADERS:

Honde:	L. Kasambira
Mrewa:	W. Chieza
Mtoko:	H. Mafunga
Mtasa-Makoni:	G. Jangano
Mutambara:	R. Gwinya
Nyadiri:	J. Tsiga
Umtali:	J. Machiri

APPROVED SUPPLY PASTORS

p Henry Mafunga, Nathan Ndidzano, Enoch Makuto, Maxin Mutambanengwe, Nicholas Muskwe, Martin Nyagura, Julius Kazingizi, p Elisha Mvududu, William Masangudza, p William Karumazondo, p Joseph Makuto, Aaron Kanyenze, p P. Kanonuhwa, Jonah Dangirwa, p Isaiah Tsopotsa, p Gilbert Rakabopa, p Moses Hunidzarira, Leonard Kasambira, p Silas Chitiyo, Joshua Chirikuutsi, p Jotham Risinamhudzi, Joshua Mutsago, D. M. Katsidzira, p Paul Maviza, Philemon Dube, p Titus Katiyo.

PART III

DAILY PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF THE EIGHTEENTH SESSION OF THE RHODESIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

First Day, Wednesday, August 29, 1956

The Eighteenth Session of the Rhodesia Annual Conference of The Methodist Church convened at Old Umtali, Southern Rhodesia on Wednesday, August 29, 1956, at 7:30 p.m.

The Conference Communion service was conducted by the Presiding Bishop, Newell Snow Booth, in Ehnes Memorial Church at Old Umtali, S. Rhodesia, at 7:30 p.m. He was assisted by the Pastor of the Ehnes Memorial Church and six elders.

Bishop Booth gave a message on the theme: "The challenge to the Disciples of Christ." A special Conference Choir assisted in the serviee. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to the Conference.

Second Day, Thursday, August 30, 1956

Opening: The Conference was called to order by Bishop Booth at 8:30 a.m.

Devotions: The Devotions were led by Bishop Booth. After prayer, Hymn No. 121 (Hymns for Creative Living), "Faith of our Fathers Living Still," was sung. The Conference was presented with the challenge, "Obedience to Christ." The heart of the message was, "We must not commit ourselves to anything less than the Kingdom of God." There was a special number by the Conference Choir.

Organization: The officers for the Quadrennium, 1956-60, were elected and the Boards of Education and Evangelism were organized. The following are the officers: Secretary: E. L. Sells; Assistant Secretaries: K. Choto, M. Deyo; Calendar

Secretaries: M. Taylor, Samuel Chieza; Statistician: R.C. Gates; Treasurer: To be nominated by the Committee on World Service and Finance.

Committee on Nominations was confirmed for this session of Conference.

Interpreters: J. Chimbadzwa and M. Chiza were elected as official interpreters for the Conference.

Adjournment: The Conference adjourned for committee meetings at 10:30 a.m.

Third Day, Friday, August 31, 1956

Opening: The Conference was called to order by Bishop Booth at 8:30 a.m.

Devotions: Hymn No. 55, "O Master--Workman of the Race," was sung. After prayer, Bishop Booth spoke on the theme of "The Good Samaritan." He emphasized that we must live truly as followers of our Master, sharing the dedication of His life. We must enter into His concern and give a demonstration of the concern which He had. Truly we need to be sensitive to the needs of those who fall on the road to Jericho. The Conference Choir sang "Zita Rakanaka."

Roll Call: The Secretaries called the Roll of the Conference. The members, missionaries, approved supply pastors and lay delegates present are marked "p" on the Conference roll. Nason Madzinga was excused from attendence.

Introductions, Presentation and Greetings:

Bishop Booth presented the following returned missionaries to the Conference: Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Gates, Rev. and Mrs. O. Stine, Rev. and Mrs. K. E. Eriksson, Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Sells, Mr. and Mrs. Higgs, Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Jansen, Miss Esther Russell, Miss Jessie Pfaff and Mrs. P. W. Jones.

The following new missionaries were introduced by Bishop Booth and spoke briefly to the Conference: Rev. and Mrs. M. W. Murphree, Dr. and Mrs. R. Goodloe, Mr. and Mrs. E. Matzigkeit, Dr. Ruth Bartholomew, and Miss Dorothy Hickok. Mrs. Ross from California, and Mrs. N. S. Booth were introduced and gave greetings to the Conference.

Greetings were received from the Council of Bishops, Interfield Consultation, other Conferences of this area, Conferences of Norway and Sweden, Bishop and Mrs. G. Bromley Oxnam,

Bishop and Mrs. John Springer, Bishop O. Hagen, the Ad ministrative Secretaries of the Division of World Missions and Women's Division of Christian Service, and Rev. and Mrs. R. Cleminson. One of our retired African ministers, former missionaries, missionaries on furlough, and our Scholarship students in the United Kingdom, also sent their greetings.

Appreciation: Members of the Religious Conference expressed their appreciation to Old Umtali in a letter to Bishop Booth making it possible for the Conference to be held.

Report of Programme Committee: Per Hassing presented the report of the Committee. With a few alterations, the report was accepted by the Conference as the official programme.

Bar of the Conference: The first seven seats on each side were fixed as the bar of the Conference.

Committee to Examine the Daily Journal: Per Hassing, Ila Scovill, and J. Chidzikwe were appointed.

Secretary for Appointments—Bishop Booth: Bishop Booth announced that Barney Higgs would schedule all appointments for personal interviews.

Committee of Central Conference Delegates: The Committee was instructed to prepare memorials to the Central Conference.

Recess: The Conference adjourned for recess at 10:10 a.m. and reconvened at 10:40 a.m. with prayer by Phillip Chieza.

Composite Report of Superintendents: This report prepared by K. E. Eriksson was read in part by J. Chitombo.

Time Extended: M. E. Culver reported for the Nominating Committee. Bishop Booth confirmed the appointments for the Board of Ministerial Training. The report was accepted and Committees elected.

Devotions: E. L. Sells conducted the Devotions. S. Hervold sang, "I know with Full Assurance in Whom I Place My Trust." The Scripture readings were I Cor. 1:18-24, and Galatians 6:14. The subject of the devotions was "The Cross and Paul, The Cross and Us." A solo was sung by Mrs. Ross, "Jesus is all the World to Me."

Adjournment: The Conference adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Fourth Day, Saturday September 1, 1956

Opening: The Conference was called to order by Bishop Booth at 8:30 a.m.

Devotions: After the call to worship by Bishop Booth Hymn No. 34, "For the Beauty of the Earth" was sung. Bishop Booth led in prayer and the Choir sang "Ndinodisa Jesu." The Theme of the morning's devotions was: "The strength of Jesus's life came from communion with God. Why do we fail in our everyday events of life and our thoughts within? Is it our lack in the hours of communion? Jesus found His ability to live with His colleagues by His communion with God. His secret was prayer. Prayer changes things."

Board of Ministerial Training, Qualifications and Relations Report:

The report was read by O. Stine and accepted. The following were approved for Reception on Trial: Samuel Muzulu, R. W. Goodloe, David Chinogurenyi was reinstated.

Full members: Elisha Kuwana, Marshall W. Murphree, Grace Otto, Vivian Otto, Solomon Zuze and Nason Dikanifuwa.

Deacons: Elisha Kuwana, Marshall W. Murphree, Nason Dikanifuwa and Solomon Zuze.

Elders: Martin Chiza, Philemon Gurupira, R.W. Goodloe.

Withdrawal: The withdrawal of Obadiah Musingwini from membership in the Conference and Church was accepted.

Other actions relating to the courses of study and retired relationship are noted under the Disciplinary Questions.

Composite Report: J. Chitombo resumed the reading of the report which was accepted.

The African Christian Convention—Northern Section Report: The report was read by D. Mushapaidze, was received, items referred to Committees, and nominations of officers confirmed.

The African Christian Convention—Southern Section Report: The report was read by M. Chiza.

After discussion, item No. 12 was referred to the standing committee for clarifying disciplinary questions and questions of usage: M. E. Culver, Chm., E. Chieza, M. J. Murphree, S. King, Mrs. Chiza, Dr. Nutting, Reginald Ngonyama, Jr., Mrs. Muparutsa, J. Rugayo, Silas Kasambira, and Samuel Chieza were asked to attend the meeting. The work of the committee is to suggest an order of the day and procedure for discusion at the Conference of item No. 12. Following that discussion, it should present the report. Other items were referred to Committees, the nominations of officers confirmed, and the

report received.

Statistician's Report: The report prepared by H. D. Griffin and R. C. Gates was read by R. C. Gates and K. E. Ericksson, and accepted. Assistant Statisticians: K.E. Eriksson and Daniel Kasambira were elected assistant statistcians. On motion it was agreed that the calendar year be considered as the statistical year for the Conference.

Bishop Booth commented on the report, making comparisons with other Conferences of the area and emphasized stewardship and a great need to strengthen our committment of life to the church. He said that we cannot shepherd our people unless we have more ministers, and we cannot have ministers until we have more giving.

Board of Ministerial Training: Bishop Booth announced that the name of K. E. Eriksson was added to the Board of Ministerial Training.

Treasurer's Report: The report was read by H. Anfinsen. On motion of P. Hassing, the £5 - 15 - 6 in the "Savings Uncalled-for" account was voted to be turned over to the Accepted Supply Pastor's Relief Fund. The sum in the Conference Collections account was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Pension Scheme: On motion it was agreed that we request the General Board of Pensions to assist our Conference in the actuarial studies of the Pension Scheme.

Time Extended: The Nominating Committee presented a further report which was approved as amended.

Programme Committee: Changes for the Programme on Sunday were approved.

Devotions: The devotions were conducted by Nason Chigubu. After a solo, "Our Father Which Art in Heaven," sung by Esther Russell, the Scripture lesson was read from Mark 8:34-36 and Galatians 6:9-10. The message on "Be not weary in well-doing," was followed by prayer by J. Chimbadzwa. The Conference sang No. 49, "My Master was a Worker."

Adjournment: The Conference adjourned at 12:40 p. m.

Fifth Day, Sunday, Sept. 2, 1956.

Dedication of Memorial Bells: A service was held at 10:00 a. m. dedicating bells which were given to four of the churches in the Conference as follows: Mrewa Kraal- Mrewa District, Musanhi - Nyadiri District, Munyarari - Zimunya

District, Nyakabau - Nyadiri District. **Bell Donors were:** Six Sherertz brothers, J. Clagett Taylor, Villa Heights Methodist Church. Among those taking a leading part in the service were: Bishop Booth, Rev. Rea, Mr. Sherertz, Rev. Chiza, Rev. Machiri.

Morning Woship and Baptism of Infants: 10:30. The service was begun by singing from the Ngoma and prayer by Rev. L. Chieza. Infants of the following ministers were baptized: Rev. Chikosi, Rev. Muzorewa, Rev. Nemaungwe, Rev. Mushapaidze and Rev. Miller.

A Quartet sang "My Anchor Holds" and Bishop Booth brought the message of the morning based on the three Beatitudes: "Blessed are the meek," "Blessed are the poor in spirit," and "Blessed are the peacemakers," He made it clear that the needs of the world will not be met by those who have been successful only in politics, a sound economy and a great military program but the basic needs of our day can be met only by those who have been so obedient to God's will that self never appears; only those who do the will of God completely can inherit the earth. We can only be the makers of peace in this land of Africa by being God's Light—a light which warms, directs and saves.

Ordination Service - 2:30 The service began with the singing of "Mugadzei Mambo we muMwoyo." The opening prayer was led by Mr. Hassing. After the choir sang, "Tenzi, Tinogona," Mr. Culver presented to Mr. Samuel Muzulu his graduation certificate from Theological School. "Be a Hero" was sung by the Quartette and then Bishop Booth spoke on Jesus' words in Acts 1:8 reminding us that we cannot be a good witness in our home community unless we are trying to be a witness to the uttermost parts of the earth; nor can we be a witness to the uttermost parts of the earth unless we are effective witnesses at home first. We must always remember the great power of prayer in making us true witnesses.

Conference Business: On recommendation of the Board of Ministerial Training, Solomon Zuze and Nason Dikanifuwa were admitted into full membership of the Conference. The Secretary presented those to be received on trial, full membership and ordination to Bishop Booth, who received the classes and ordained those elected to orders.

Those received on trial: David Chinogureyi, Robert Wesley Goodloe Jr., Samuel Muzulu.
Those received into full membership: Nason Dikanifuwa, Elisha Kuwana, Marshall Warne Murphree, Solomon Zuze.
Deacons: Nason Dikanifuwa, Elisha Kuwana, Marshall Warne Murphree, Solomon Zuze.
Elders: Martin Chiza, Robert Wesley Goodloe Jr., Philemon Gurupira.

African Missionary Society: The Annual Meeting of the African Missionary Society was held at 7:30 p. m.

Sixth Day, Monday, Sept. 3, 1956
Opening: The Conference was called to order at 8:30. a.m.

Devotions: After the Call to Worship, the Conference sang Hymn No. 14, "When Morning Guilds the Skies." Bishop Booth led in prayer and then spoke on the Foundations of the Christian Church as illustrated by the home at Bethany, and the foundations of the two churches erected there. He emphasized that wherever there is a home of comradeship, where Jesus is at home, there shall be built the Church. Even though the Church shall be neglected and fall down, it shall be built again, and it shall be built again on the comradeship of Jesus. The Church is built on the foundations of the home. Josiah Chimbadzwa led in prayer and the choir sang, "Munoziwa Here Hama?"

Received into Full Membership: The Secretary presented those to be received into Full Membership: Grace Otto, Vivian Otto.

Fraternal Delegates: Bishop Booth introduced the delegates of the Methodist Synod; Rev. and Mrs. F. B. Rea, and Rev. D. M. Masunza. Rev. Rea spoke briefly bringing the greetings of the Synod.

Board of Medical Activities Report: The report read by J. Chidzikwe was received.

Board of Temperance Report: Samuel Munjoma read the report, and after alterations were made, it was accepted. The Secretary, upon request, presented a statement which the Conference Secretary will forward to the Minister of Internal Affairs.

Commission on Worship and Music: After alterations, the

report read by Jasper Machiri was accepted.

Recess: The Conference adjourned for recess at 10:00 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m. by the singing of Hymn No. 115, "Stand Up Stand Up for Jesus," and prayer led by Samuel Chieza.

Capricorn Africa Society: R. Chipunza gave a talk on the principles and policies of the Capricorn Africa Society. A vote was passed that we recommend that our people study carefully the Contract of the Society and its aims, and if they find it good, to join the organization.

Greetings to the Norway Conference: It was agreed to send greetings and fraternal love to the Conference in Norway, for their 100th Anniversay on Sept. 11.

Nominating Committee reported on its work.

Devotions: Rev. F. B. Rea led the noon devotions. Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Bloomquist sang a duet, "My Only Hope Must be in Jesus," The scripture reading was found in Isaiah 32. The theme of the message was the significance of our pausing in the midst of our work to think of God. We are challenged in all our Church work to hold a balance between retreat within and the period when we ourselves throw the ball of discussion backward and forward exercising our minds to the uttermost, and laying a hold upon facts. The two must be side by side, balanced. "Pasturing our flocks at noon time," pausing for a while, we can look back over the debate of the morning and forward to the Committee of the afternoon -- in all things seeking God's guidance. After the singing of Hymn No. 99, "O Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life." the Benediction was pronounced.

Adjournment: The Conference was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Seventh Day, Tuesday, Sept. 4, 1956

Opening: The Conference was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

Devotions: After the Call to Worship, the Conference sang No. 4, "O Worship the King." Bishop Booth led in prayer and then spoke from the words of the prophet Micah, who said, "They shall dwell secure for now He shall be great to the ends of the earth." On that first Christmas there was no room for Jesus in Bethlehem, and there is still no room for warmth and affection in Bethlehem. Yet, wherever Christ is born, there is Bethlehem. There may be areas of bad will in life, but you cannot stop the Bethlehems in the

hearts of men. Wherever Christ has entered into life, there is something started. We must dedicate ourselves to that same vision of Micah that the people of God shall dwell secure, and that means making Him great to the ends of the earth. That is our confidence. A quartette concluded the devotions by singing, "Pa Muchinjiko."

Election of Members of Field Committee. After explanation, a vote was taken and the following were elected: K. Choto, J. Chimbadzwa, J. Chitombo, J. Kawadza, A. Dangarembga, S. Kowo, Nancy Ngonyama, Mrs. J. Chitombo, Mrs. S. Chikukwa, Mrs. P. Nyamukapa, Rebecca Nyika. Alternates: E. Chieza, J. Makuto, E. Sisimai, Luke Chieza, Mrs. I. Mhlanga, Mrs. A. Kajese, Mrs. J. Chatema, Mrs. M. Rusike.

Board of Education report: Geoffrey Kapenzi read the report. After alterations, the Committee on Religious Education and Youth Work was approved, and the officers and committees confirmed.

The report of the Schools Committee was received.
The report of the Community Life and Home Committee was adopted.

The report of the Publications Committee was approved.

Programme Committee: After announcements and the making of a few changes in the Conference programme, the Conference went into recess at 10:05 a.m. **Reconvened:** The Conference reconvened at 10:35 a.m. by the singing of Hymn No. 120, "I Love to Tell the Story."

Auditing Committee Report: The report as printed was received.

Joint Committee on Theological Training Report: After an oral report by Per Hassing, the Constitution and Curriculum for Joint Theological Training were approved.

Lay Delegate from St. Andrew's Church Report: J. S. Wreford spoke on the relationship of St. Andrew's Church to the Conference and expressed his personal approval of the Church remaining with the Conference. He stressed, however, the great need of a Church in Rusape and possibly Inyazura for the European population. He emphasized that we ought not to be dilatory in branching out into other areas, making St. Andrew's a mother Church to other groups. He felt the

urgency of securing stands at once, for after a start has been made the next steps will come easier. St. Andrew's Church has asked for the release of their minister who is at present holding services in Rusape, and asks that those missionaries residing in Rusape be responsible for that area.

Devotions: A quartettee sang, "Though Your Sins Be as Scarlet." J. Maramba conducted the devotions and read from 1 Cor. 13. His message was on the theme: "These three - but the greatest of these is love." He emphasized that we must clothe ourselves with love. If we are clothed in the uniform of love, we shall bring others to the Father.

After prayer, the Conference sang No. 89, "He Leadeth Me." The Benediction was pronounced.

Adjournment: The Conference adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Evening (Seventh Day—Tuesday)

Opening: The Conference assembled in session at 7 p.m. to receive the reports of the Delegates who attended the General Conference. The quartette sang "May the Lord Depend on You," and Samuel Chieza led in prayer.

The General Conference: Bishop Booth spoke and showed slides of the General Conference. Samuel Chieza, the ministerial delegate, and Mrs. O. Stine lay delegate gave their reports.

Adjournment: The Conference adjourned with the Benediction at 8:10 p.m.

Eighth Day, Wednesday, Sept. 5, 1956

Opening: The Conference was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

Devotions: After the call to Worship, Hymn No. 123, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," was sung by the Conference. Bishop Booth led in prayer.

Board of Ministerial Training Report: The report read by Moses Mparutsa was adopted.

Conference Claimants Report: Upon the reading of the report by P. Nyamukapa, the report was received.

Committee on Memoirs Report: A. Muzorewa read the report which was then received.

Committee on Finance Report: S. Kowo read the report. R. C. Gates was elected as Conference Treasurer; an assistant is to be appointed next year if so desired. It was agreed that instead

of fixing the amount for Item "K" we pay for African District Superintendents Salary Assistance £90 and £30 for travel a year for each one appointed.

Resignation—Statistician: R. C. Gates resigned upon his election as Treasurer. C. M. Miller was elected Conference Statistician and J. Chidzikwe Assistant Statistician.

Board of Evangelism Report: With corrections, the report read by J. Chimbadzwa was adopted.

Recess: The Conference went into recess at 10:00 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m. by singing "Faith of Our Fathers" M. W. Murphree was elected Conference **Secretary of Evangelism.**

Board of Lay Activities Report: The report was read by E. Chieza and J. Machiri. It was agreed that the Districts plan to pay for anything in the way of travel, for visits made by the Conference Lay Leader, above the £30 set for travel of Conference Lay Leader. We commend a study of the pooling of Church funds and refer this matter of pooling funds to each District for its consideration.

Central Conferance Delegation Report: Report made and vote taken by the Conference. 1. We agree that the Central Conference be divided into two areas now. Possible vote 84; Yes 65; No 7; Not Voting 12. 2. How shall the Division be made? 1. S. Rhodesia and S. E. Africa. 2. Angola and S. E. Africa (Substitute motion).

Possible Vote	Yes	No	Not Voting	
84	50	23	11	for No. 1
84	23	50	11	for No. 2

Devotions: Enoch Chieza sang a solo, "God Bless Africa." Dr. R. W. Goodloe led the devotions on the theme that we as Christians have a rich tradition. It belongs just as much to Africa as to other countries. After the singing of the hymn, No. 70, "Breathe on Me, Breath of God," a benediction used by Christians over 1000 yaers ago was pronounced.

Eighth Day—Afternoon (Wednesday, September 5th)

Opening: The Conference was called to order at 4 p.m. M. E. Culver led in the singing of hymn No. 87, "Lead on, O King Eternal."

Central Conference Delegation Report: A report was read on

the tenure of office for the Bishop to be elected for the proposed division of the Elisabethville Area. After discussion the following Memorial to the Central Conference was accepted: "The Rhodesia Annual Conference of The Methodist Church in session at Old Umtali, Southern Rhodesia, September 5th, 1956 received the report on the length of the term of office for the proposed election of a Bishop for the division of the Elisabethville Area. It is recommended that the Bishop be elected for a term of years and not for life."
Possible vote 84; Yes 34; No 30; not voting 20.

Committee on Interdenominational Relations: The report was read by M. J. Murphree and was adopted.

Methodist Historical Society: E. L. Sells read the report which was adopted and the officers nominated elected for the Conference year.

Committee on Urban Areas: The report was read by J. Chidzikwe and adopted. It was agreed that the Committee on. It was agreed that the Urban Areas be a sub committee of the Board of Evangelism.

Student Loans: The report of the Committee was read and approved.

Conference Lay Leader: On nomination Enoch Chieza was elected.

Next Conference: On invitation of the Minister of Ehnes Memorial Church, it was agreed that the next session of the Conference should be held at Old Umtali.

Commission on the Study of the five year plan for Education: K. Eriksson spoke on the report of the Commission which is recorded in the Minutes of the Field Committee.

African Missionary Society: The report was received, and the Officers confirmed.

Districts of The Conference: It was agreed that the listing in the appointments be the recognized division of the Conference into Districts.

The Wabvuwi: The reports of the Northern and Southern Sections were received. A vote of appreciation was given for the excellent work being done throughout the Conference by the Wabvuwi.

Temperance Committee of the S. R. Christian Conference: The

report on the appointing of such a Committee was given by P. Hassing. The Secretary of Temperance was nominated as a member of such a Committee, with S. Chieza as the alternate.

Editor of the Journal: On motion, the Secretary was elected to edit and publish the Journal, to make such alterations as may be necessary for correctness and uniformity, without changing the meaning of any action of the Conference, and that the published copy properly certified by the President and the Secretary, be the Official Journal of the Conference.

Committee on Discipline: The item referred by the Conference from the report of the Southern section of the African Christian Convention was reported and the same accepted.

Evening

Trustees of the Conference: The election of the Board of Trustees of the Conference according to the Constitution for 1956/60, were re-elected on order of the Conference, instructing the Secretary to cast the ballot. The Secretary cast the ballot for the election. The Trustees are: E. L. Sells, Secretary of the Conference; R. C. Gates, Treasurer of the Conference; P. Hassing, Field Treasurer; Enoch Chieza, Jasper Machiri, Reserves: J.S. Wreford, and M. J. Murphree.

Adjournment: The Conference adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Opening: The Conference convened at 8 p.m. with the singing of several hymns.

Nominating Committee: It was agreed that the Committee and the Secretarial staff may correct the list of committee members where names have been omitted.

Resolutions Committee: John Munjoma read the report which was received with appreciation for the kind and efficient hospitality for the Conference by Old Umtali Church and Staff.

Final Adjournment: On motion of E. L. Sells, the Conference voted to adjourn (Sine Die) after devotions and the reading of the appointments.

Devotions: M. E. Culver sang, "If with all your hearts, you truly seek me." Jasper Machiri led in prayer.

Appointments: Bishop Booth read the appointments.

Adjournment: After singing of the hymn "Blest be the tie that binds", the Bishop pronounced the Benediction and the Conference stood adjourned (Sine Die) at 10:15 p.m.

Certificate of the President and the Secretary

This certifies that this volume of the Eighteenth Session of the Rhodesia Conference of The Methodist Church held at Old Umtali, Southern Rhodesia, August 29th—September 5th, 1956, is a complete and correct record of the proceedings and reports (which are published under Part VI) and as such was adopted by the action of the Conference as its official record.

Newell Snow Booth

President

E. L. Sells

Secretary

Certificate of Ordination

This is to certify that I, Newell Snow Booth, a Bishop of The Methodist Church, ordained after election by the Rhodesia Conference, as Deacons: Nason Dikanifuwa, Elisha Kuwana, Marshall Warne Murphee, and Solomon Zuze. As Elders: Martin Chiza, Robert Wesley Goodloe, Jr. and Philemon Gurupira—according to the usages and Discipline of The Methodest Church.
Sunday, September 2, 1956
Old Umtali, Southern Rhodesia

Newell Snow Booth

PART IV

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

The Business of the Annual Conference

The business of the Annual Conference, held at Old Umtali, Southern Rhodesia, August 29th to September 6th, 1956, Bishop Newell S. Booth, presiding:

A. Organization and Introductory Reports

1. Who are the Officers of the Conference?
   Secretary: E. L. Sells
   Treasurer: R. C. Gates
   Statistician: C. M. Miller

2. Is the Annual Conference incorporated: Yes. See constitution.

3. Are the Officers handling funds bonded? No.

4. What is the report of the programme Committee as to the hours of the session, the bar of Conference and programme accepted as official. The bar of the Conwas set according to disciplinary ruling.

5. Who are the Members of the Boards and Committee? See Part II, list of Boards, Commissions and Committees?

6. Who is elected Conference Lay Leader? Enoch Chieza. What is his report? See Board of Lay Activities Report. Who are confirmed as District Leaders? L. Kasambira, W. Chieza, H. Mafunga, G. Jangano, R. Gwinya, J. Tsiga, J. Machiri.

7. What are the Reports of the District Superintendents as to the status of the work within their Districts and Suggestions for the work of the future? See Composite report, Part VI.

B. Pertaining to Ministerial Relations

8. Having made enquiries as to the life and character of the members of the Conference, does the Board of Ministerial Qualifications, Training and Relations recommend that their lives are such that they be continued in the effective ministry? Yes.

9. Who are the Approved Supply Pastors? Silas Chitiyo, Nathan Ndidzano, Maxin Mutambanengwe, Elisha Mvu dudu, William Karumazondo, Amon Kanyenze, Henry

Mafunga, Enoch Makuto, Jotham Risinamhudzi, Moses Hunidzarira, Jonah Dangirwa, Joseph Makuto, Gilbert Rakabopa, Joshua Chirikutsi, D. M. Katsidzira, Lenart Kasambira, Philemon Dube, Paul Maviza, D. Chipaumire, J. Kazingire, Joshua Mutsago.

10. What Approved Supply Pastors now under full time appointment are taking the Conference course of study? Same as 9.

11. Who are recommended to take the course for reception on trial? None.

12. Who are received on trial? Samuel Muzulu, Robert Wesley Goodloe Jr., David Chinogureyi.

13. Who remain on trial?
    (a) In studies of the first year? Samuel Muzulu.
    (b) In studies of the second year? Elijah Chimbganda, Alfred Katsande, Ezekiel Matongo, David Chinogureyi.
    (c) In studies of the third year? R. W. Goodloe, Jr.
    (d) In studies of the four year? Solomon Zuze, Nason Dikanifuwa, Davison Chikosi. It is also recommended that Davison Chikosi be reinstated and continued on Trial.

14. Who on trial are discontinued? None.

15. Who are received as Full Members? Elisha Kuwana, Marshall Warne Murphree, Solomon Zuze, Nason Dikanifuwa, Vivian Otto, Grace Otto.

16. What full members are in studies?
    (a) Of the 3rd year? H. F. Anfinsen.
    (b) Of the 4th year? Marcia Ball, J. Kawadza, J. Jijita, S. Kowo, N. Madzinga, D. Mushapaidzi, A. Muzorewa, J. Nemaungwe.

17 What full members have completed studies of the fourth year? Philemon Gurupira, Martin Chiza.

18. Who have been elected and ordained deacons?
    (a) As local preachers? None.
    (b) As members on Trial in the course of studies? Elisha Kuwana, Solomon Zuze, Nason Dikanifuwa.
    (c) Under the Seminary rule? Marshall W. Murphree.

19. Who have been elected and ordained elders?

(a) As local preachers? None.
(b) As conference members in the course of study? Martin Chiza, Philemon Gurupira.
(c) Under the Seminary rule? Robert Wesley Goodloe, Jr.

20. Who have had their conference membership terminated? Obadiah Musingwini, by withdrawal.

21. What ministerial members have died during the year? Obadiah Chimonyo.

22. What ministers have retired?
(a) This year? None.
(b) Previous? Philip Chieza, Zachariah Mukombiwa, Thomas Maranke, T. A. O'Farrell, G. A. Roberts, Benjamin Katsidzira, David Mandisodza, H. I. James, Reginald Ngonyama.

23. Who are left without appointment to attend school? Asbjorn Leikness.

24. What other notations should be made? L. E. Adkins, appointment with another missionary society without annuity claim.

25. What are the reports of the Board and Committees and Secretaries of the Conference? See Part VI Reports.

26. What is the report of the Conference Statistician? See Report, Part VIII.

27. What is the report of the Conference Treasurer? See Report Part VI D.

28. What is the report of the Auditing Committee? See Report Part VI.

29. What is the schedule for the minimum support for pastors? See Salary Scale as adopted by the 1954 Conference.

30. What apportionments of the Conference Funds are recommended by the Committee on Finance?
(a) For Conference Claimants?
Circuit £5 per annum
Pastor £2 - 10 - 0 per annum
(b) For World Service? Free will offering
(c) For Episcopal Fund? 2% of the Pastor's cash salary.
(d) For General Administration? assessed on membership.
(e) Central Conference Fund? assessed on membership.

For additional details see Report of the Committee on Finance, Part VI.

31. What are the objectives of the Conference for the coming year? See various reports adopted by the Conference and the reports of the Field Committee regarding the five years plan in Education.

32. Where shall the next Conference be held? The next Conference will be held at Old Umtali. Date to be fixed.

PART V
APPOINTMENTS

The Appointments of the Rhodesia Annual Conference

Note: Heavy type — Members of the Conference
Italic — Members on trial
Roman — Missionaries and Approved Supply Pastors
(.....) — Teachers and other workers

Numbers after the names of members and ministers indicate the number of consecutive years of the appointments

HONDE DISTRICT

Church Superintendent:	**John Nduna 15**
School Superintendent:	Ovid Stine (until 1st Jan.) R.W. Goodloe Jr. (after 1st Jan,)
District Evangelist:	(S. Kanyenze)
Honde Pastor:	D. M. Katsidzira
Honde River School:	(I. Madenyika Evangelist), (H. Ruwende, E. Dzoma. C. Mundembe, J. Sambona, K. Shenje, B. Nyatoti.)
Gatsi:	(L. Kasambira) Evangelist, (C. Chaka, W. Sitole, W. Nyabando, I. Nyambayo.)
Mandeya:	(J. Nyamunokora, Evangelist)
Muparutsa:	(S. Mutamangiro, Evangelist)
Zindi:	To be supplied.

MAKONI DISTRICT

Church Superintendent:	**Ovid Stine 1**
Women's Work:	Mava Stine 1

School Superintendent:	**Ovid Stine 1**
European Circuit:	**Ovid Stine 1**
Chiduku South Circuit:	**Philemon Gurupira 1**
Evangelist:	(Joshua Chirikutsi.)
Chitenderano:	(Newton Chiwara, Violet Chiwara, Ella Chiwara, Arnold Musumhi, Phineas Nengeterwa, Rezen Nyamapfene.)
Sharara:	(Arabishen Kapenzi, Killion Masunda, David Chikwawawa, Abel Sharara, Kingston Mafuta, Emma Mbodza, Mary Chigiya.)
Chigora:	(Thomas Shoko, Kenneth Mukoyi.)
Chiduku:	(Stanley Chiwara, Never Rice, Anna Mupeti, Winnie Kandini.)
Chiduku North Circuit:	**Abel Muzorewa 1**
Evangelist:	(Jonah Dangirwa.)
Muziti:	(Matthew Mataranyika, Lois Mataranyika, Verna Muchecu, Mavis Matimba, Jethro Matikinyidze, Silas Kapfumvuti, Gadzai.
Gurure:	(Noah Kapumha, Juta Munyamani, Onias Machamire, Charity Kapumha, Dorcas Mbiriri.)
Rukweza:	(James Chiripamberi, Anna Dangirwa, Rowena Chiripamberi, John Shamu.)
Chinyadza:	(Oliver Mupindu, Denford Jijita, T. Mucini.)
Chizawana:	(Misheck Mukuzwazwa, R. Mhere, M. Tamisana, V. Gurure.) To be supplied. Rusape, Inyazura, Chigwedere, Musungambesa, Dohwa Division, Madzonga, Masedza, Mhanda, Tikwiri, Dewedzo, Samatende.
Gandanzara Circuit	**Patrick Machiri 3**
Leigh Ranch:	(J. Mugauri, J. Kawadza.)
Zuze:	(D. Nyamhukutu, O. Usada, S. Maenzanise, A. Magaba, C. Mawokomatanda, N. Miti.)
Mukahanana:	(E. Masikati, W. Rundu, D. Ma-

	chiwenyika, G. Mukotekwa.)
Chikuruwo:	(S. Matimba, Z. Nhenge, E. Kanengoni, P. Nyabando.)
Gandanzara:	(S. Kuwana, C. Mugochi, D. Dangare, L. Borerwe, E. Farirai, G. Nhanhanga, N. Tsaha.)
Sherukuru:	(P. Bwawa, H. Mukambachaza, R. Mugoci, H. Mazaiwana.)
Ndingi:	(S. Musikawanhu, J. Maramba, N. Maripakwenda.)
Swikiro:	(N. Gambe, M. Mahlunge.)
Quagga Kloof:	To be supplied.
Headlands Circuit:	**Patron Nyamukapa 1**
Evangelist:	(Joseph Makuto.)
Arnoldine:	(O. Kamusono, W. Mutsetse, J. Mbwizhu.)
Chigudu:	(G. Mandizha, P. Sangarwe, S. Musuka.)
Magura:	(A. Machakaire, E. Chitiyo, G. Mufema, M. Njambi.)
Macheke:	(J. Risinamhudzi, E. Fusire.)
Chikore—Tanda Circuit	**Davidson Mushapaidze 4**
Chikore:	(N. Madanhi, D. Mandizha, A. Cigudu, C. Mandrahawe, E. Mujeni.)
Dererwe:	(F. Madyambudzi, P. Mudzingwa J. Mberi, C. Mucheri.)

MARANKE DISTRICT

Church Superintendent:	**Moses Mparutsa 2**
School Superintendent:	**Hans F. Anfinsen 5**
Religious Education Worker:	(Johnson Chingono)
Maranke North Circuit:	**Samuel Munjoma 4**
Evangelist:	(Paul Maviza)
Chipfatsura:	(Edward Machiri, Oliver Chakonda, Sarah Munjoma, John Chikonzo, Christopher Mbanje, Mabel Tondoya, Mavis Maranke, Tobias Zingowo)
Mushunje:	(Eric Muzhizhizhi, John Neganje, Dennis Chakandinakira, Celeb Mundieta, Arthur Mashingaidze, Annie Matondo,

	Sophie Chieza, Tamary Chikotosa)
Mandiambira:	(Harry Matondo, Elia Chidzikwe, Esther Matanga, Joseph Muzhizhizhi, Dorothy Katsidzira)
Zarawa:	(Elia Munyonho, Joel Nhiwatiwa)
Gonongono:	(Denford Chirara, Gladman Mandiambira, Susan Maranke)
Nyika:	(Nathaniel Maziti, Johnson Simango, Tina Mae Ndoro, Vester Manjowe)
Achnashee:	(Renias Napata)
Mukuni:	(Edward Nyambawaro, Walter Muchineuta, Wilbert Ngorima Rachel Muzhizhizhi, Aaron Machiri)
Chirinda:	(Timothy Fungirai, Clifford Chingwende, Christopher Sitole, Agnes Karumbidza)
Zumbare:	To be supplied
Maranke Central Circuit:	**Moses Mparutsa 2**
Evangelist:	Obadiah Manjengwa
Makomwe:	(Jonas Sakala, Sophie Mukuze, Mattie Mparutsa, Elem Mukuze, Lovemore Matongo, Bennie Maranke, David Matanga)
Mafararikwa:	(Elia Murenzwi, Kedwell Mucimwe, Anna More Nyambawaro, Beatruce Murenzwi, John Muzhizhizhi, Robson Makari, Elia Wilson Chadebinga)
Matanda:	(Earl Marembo, Enoch Gowero, Oliver Matengambiri, Ella Mcatshelwa, Mitah Marembo, Laizah Mushunje, Lovemore Bazeya)
Musiringofa:	(Pearson Mushunje, Alice Mushunje, Saul Madzirashe, Victoria Mparutsa)
Mutimba:	(Lammech Musanjeya. Francis

	Nyabeze, Lucian Gowodo,
Nzwenga:	(Ashworth Mataswa, Jasper Cikosi)
Chigonda:	(Baxter Mataswa, Jane Pundo, Lovemore Mutepfa)
Gwindingwi:	(Happy Mahati, Naume Mahati)
Murwira:	(Josphas Gwizo, Ferris Dzemunashe)
Maranke South Circuit:	**Ezekiel Matongo 2**
Evangelist:	(O. Manjengwa)
Mutsago:	(Wonder Mutsago, Samson Marwa, Kwanai Mutsago, Gideon Mutsago, Chourombo Sitole, Annie Munjoma, Esther Mutepfa)
Maswaure:	(Wilson Mushambi, Denford Gombe, John Maswaure, Marjorie Mparutsa, Miriam Nyamugama)
Masasi:	(Albert Madondo, Shadreck, Senga, John Mutserepete, Misheck Mbodza, Enia Nyamugama)
Chikuku:	(Isaac Marimbire, E. Maombi)
Betera:	(Jonathan Masaka, Gennie Kusena)
Maviza:	To be supplied
Zvipiripiri:	To be supplied

MREWA DISTRICT

Church and School Superintendent:	**C. M. Miller 2**
Assistant:	**K. Choto** (until Dec. 31)
European Circuit:	**E. L. Sells 1**
Evangelist:	(William Masangudza.)
Religious Education Worker:	(Paul Machakaire.)
Women's Work:	Mrs. C. Miller, (Mrs. K. Choto.)
Mrewa Mission:	**E. L. Sells 1**
Church:	**Josiah Chidzikwe 5**
Women's Work:	Mrs. Sells, (Mrs. Chidzikwe.)
Mrewa Central Primary School—Principal:	**E. L. Sells 2**
Headmaster:	(A. Dangarembwa.)

Teachers:	(L. Mandizha, Kennetu Ziwa, Bondon Ruwodo, Andreas Gono, Pakamile Maguga T. Chipere, M. Matimba, J. Mugodi.
Domestic Science, Girls Boarding Dept. and Homecraft:	Mrs. Sells 1, (Mrs. L. Nyemba)
Carpentry:	(Titus Chitanda, Josiah Kanyongo.)
Agriculture:	(M. Matambo, H. Patsanza.)
Boarding Master-Boys	(T. Chipere.)
Assistant:	(Andreas Gono,)
Lower Primary School Superintendent:	E. L. Sells 2
Headteacher:	(Thomas Thompson.)
Teachers:	(Willie Kawadza, L. Mupindu, Myrrah Mavurume, Bertha Makuto, E. Mutsigwa, H. Zinyuku, J. Patsanza, Mrs. Munyukwi Mrs. Nyamukapa, Mrs. Chidzikwe.)
Mrewa North Circuit:	**Wilson Mandisodza 4**
Dandara:	(Elia Kuture, Ennia Rimai, Loveness Gororo, D. Makore, J. Makumbe.)
Inyangui:	(T. Matinde, J. Kambarami, L. Kawishi, F. Rukainga.)
Matututu:	(E. Machiya, P. Mapuranga, I. Huni.)
Muchinjike:	(J. Kanyimbo, H. Chiwenga, J. Mutsipa, D. Mugomeza, A. Hunidzarira, M. Gogodo, G. Matambanadzo.)
Nyamashatu:	(B. Chikoore, R. Chikoore, E. Chikoore, B. Tsiga, R. Musoni, C. Makasa.)
Zaranyika:	(G. Myezwa, W. Nyamadzawo, T. Chikanya, E. Nyemba.)
Chingono:	(Kambarami, J. Hunidzarira.)
Mrewa South Circuit:	**Hosea Katsidzira 19**
Chamapango:	(S. Nyemba, D. Nyemba, H. Marikano, A. Chimusono, P. Mudzingwa, L. Chifuru, S. Musingwini.)

Chanetsa:	(S. Nyati, M. Mutsigwa, J. Dzanya.)
Hokodzi:	(G. Shaba, F. Makore, E. Jeje, J. Katonha, J. Chisewe.)
Madziniki:	(H. Shokobishi, S. Chingono, M. Nyateka, R. Chiwara.)
Daramgwa:	(A. Mwandira, T. Muchemwa, Mutamba, S, Chinyerere.)
Mrewa East Circuit:	**Jonah Kawadza 8**
Evangelist:	(Jotham Risinamhudzi.)
Chiguri:	(B. Chikoore, E. Chikoore, D. Gareta, K. Masawi.)
Chitate:	(W. Huni, E. Mombeshora.)
Dapandowe:	(J. Nhende, O. Chigudu.)
Mrewa Kraal:	(E. Moyo, S. Musara, M. Musasa, C. Mrewa.)
Mtisi:	W. Chirowamango, G. Gwata, K. Nhende, R. Tafiranyika, F. Kaitano.)
Gumbanjera:	(L. Nyanjasha, L. James, A. Mugure, L. Gutu, D. Mukarakate, E. Musasa.)
Jekwa:	(A. Chiwara, A. Makwara, M. Pangwa, J. Kadenhere, O. Mujuru, J. Casiya.)
Musunzwe:	(H. Dzumbunuhu, J. Mungoyo.)
Chinenga:	(N. Kapenzi, S. Choto.)
Karumazondo:	(D. Chipete, J. Gumbanjera.)
Mrewa West Circuit:	**Elisha Kuwana 3**
Evangelist:	Moses Hunidzarira
Kambarami:	(K. Musuka, B. Nyamutumbu, K. Fusire, T. Kambarami, J. Huni.)
Rupange:	(E. Diza, R. Chirimumimba, A. Katuruza, F. Chirimumuta, N. Chikoore.)
Mutowani:	(E. Garwe, T. Chipete.)
Nyamutumbu:	(D. Kasaro, T. Muteni, S. Nyamutumbu, D. Chiromo, B. Mukurazhizhi, E. Maponga, L. Gororo, E. Chidzawo.)
Shamu:	(F. Kadenga.)
Mhembere:	(M. Dikito, M. Mukahadzi.)

Zengenene:	(B. Masoko, W. Marembo, P. Mufunda.)
Gororo:	(P. Makumbe, E. Mangwende.)

MTASA DISTRICT

Church Superintendent:	Luke Chieza 1
School Superintendent:	O. Stine (until Dec. 31) Robert Goodloe *Jr.*
Rerligious Education worker:	(Willis Makunike)
Women's Work:	Mrs. Stine, Mrs. Goodloe
Evangelist, Inyanga North:	Gilbert Rakabopa
Nyakatsapa Mission:	
Pastor of the Church:	*Samuel Muzulu 1*
Headteacher:	(Isaac Musamba) E. Nyamapfene, E. Makunike, B. Mazaiwana, J. Ranga, W. Masara, D. Tarumbga, H. Chiunda, B. Nezomba, P. Mandisekwe, S. Mbutsa, B. Mabvudza, A. Chiunda, O. Matemba)
Nyakatsapa Circuit:	Luke Chieza 7
Shakuyu:	(A. Nyambayo, G. Chirewa)
Vumbunu:	(W. Chimbadzwa, W. Maswa, M. Machiwenyika)
Zinyembe:	(D. Chimbadzwa, D. Mbutsa, R. Karumbidza)
Rupinda:	(N. Chikuni, A. Chikuhwa, J. Chitonho, L. Mangere, P. Chidawanyika)
Maguwa:	(B. Chidawanyika)
Wengo:	(Z. Manditsera)
Nyatoro:	(To be supplied)
Nyamukwarara:	(C. Mupunga, M. Shenje, N. J. Mawoyo)
Inyanga Village:	(To be supplied)
Inyanga North:	*Alfred Katsande 2*
Samanga:	(J. Vumbunu, B. Mardenyika)
Buwu:	(C. Bunya, F. Zitsanza)
Nyamaropa Reserve:	
Inyanga Village:	To be supplied
Nyautare:	(L. Nyakatawa)
Penhalonga-Mundenda Circuit:	Jonah Machiri 2
Religious Education Worker:	(Willis Makunike)

Penhalonga:	(J. Mazaiwana, P. Chiunda)
Mundenda:	(J. Gonye, D. Chidzikwe, J. Mazaiwana, P. Murauro, M. Gonye, S. Chiri, N. Chimbadzwa)
Marara:	(I. Mudehwe, S. Kuture)
Mt. Jenya:	(C. Nduna, N. Nduna, N. Mandipira, E. Chiunda)
Mandiambira:	(To be supplied)
Chikanga:	(To be supplied)
Battery Spruit:	(To be supplied)
Mountain Home:	(B. Mazaiwana)
Harvey:	(To be supplied)
Odzi:	(D. Nhunhama, T. Golowa, E. Mangwende, J. Golowa)
Glenada:	(L. Zimonte, J. Nyonyi, M. Mazaiwana, E. Ruwonde, M. Sandhu)

Old Umtali Mission:

Chairman:	M. E. Culver 1
Vice Chairman:	P. Hassing 1
Ehnes Memorial, Pastor:	M. Chiza 5
Assistant Pastor:	D. L. Sherertz 2
Theological Seminary:	M. E. Culver Principal. P. Hassing, E. Aeschliman, M. Chiza, Mrs. Culver, Mrs. Hassing, Mrs. Chiza.
Hartzell Tr. School Principal:	T. Roberts until Jan. then I. Jansen.
Secretary:	Mrs. Roberts until furlough
Central Primary School:	Mrs. Gazeley Headmistress until Jan) then (G. Kapenzi) (W. Kodzai, J. Mahlanza, M. Ngonyama, J. Kapenzi, Mr. Kaiboni, S. Ngonyama, R. Zvinoera, S. Mataranyika, S. Kuwana, C. Nyamwanza)
Secondary School:	T. Roberts 5 - Headmaster until Jan. then Miss Parks, (R.N. Ngonyama, L. Ngonyama) E. Russell, (until Jan.) After Jan. S. Tsopotsa, M. Taylor, D. Hickock.
Teacher Training:	S. Aldrich, Hd. Mistress, (until

	Jan. then L. Pfaff, M. Sawyer, R. Batholomew, (G. Kapenzi till Jan. After Jan. B. Everette) After April V. Otto.
Practicing School:	(W. Marima, (Hd. Teacher) K. Chikwinya, F. Mantiziba, Mrs. Chikwinya, Mrs. Mantiziba, W. Tauro, N. Ngonyama, R. Nyika, Mrs. P. Maenzanise Mrs. D. Maenzanise.)
Boys Industrial:	(E. Sukhuma, J. Nhiwatiwa, R. Makoni, E. Musabaeka, J. Gombedza.)
Girl's Industrial:	S. Hervold, (Miss Mutsago, Miss Kapfumvuti)
Building - F.G.S.:	D. Maenzanise.
Boys Dormitory:	(E. Mawaro, P. Rupazo, T. Rusike)
Maintanence and Service:	(P. Maenzanise, J. Mawoyo, A. Mawanda)
Fairfield Girl's Sch. Directress:	J. Pfaff
Boarding Mistress:	(E. Samudzimu, R. Nyika)
Farm:	(T. Chieza,) D. Hickock.
Rhodesia Mission Press Mgr.:	M. E. Culver (until Dec. then E. Matzigkeit.
Treasurer:	Mrs. Roberts until furlough
Pressmen:	(H. Maringanise, forman, E. Nkomo, M. Njopera, C. Zisengwe)
Woodland Farm:	Mgr. H. Ferriera, Mrs. Ferriera.
Building Operation:	T.J.C. West
Medical Work:	A. Whitney (in charge) (M. Nyamwanza, G. Usore, R. Nyamwanza, V. Gweshe, N. Kandi)
Babyfold:	(Clarah Chimboza)
Women's Work:	Mrs. D. L. Sherertz, Mrs. P. Hassing, (Mrs. M. Chiza.) Mrs. I. Jansen.

MTOKO DISTRICT

Church Superintendent:	Wilfred Bourgaize 18, until the end of the year and then Kenneth Choto 1
School Superintendent and Principal of Mtoko Center after January:	Barnie Higgs 1
Assistant Sch. Superintendent:	Kenneth Choto 1
Secretary until end of the year:	Louis Forrest
Building Department:	Mr. and Mrs. Barnie Higgs
District Evangelist:	M. W. Murphree 1
Nyamuzuwe:	Barnie Higgs
Religious Education Worker:	J. Masenda
Mtoko South Circuit:	Daniel Makuto 6
Assistant:	Henry Mafunga
Central Primary School:	(Gorshom Chasokela, Josiah Njagu, Job Ntuli, Gedeon Psvuura, Timothy Kurima, Jane Mary Makuto, Siza Amos, Titus Nyonyiwa, Egbert Makoni, Henry Mafunga, Elizabeth Chinake, Miriam Maguranje, Dorcas Munjoma)
Chitekwe:	(Stephen Kundishora, Chrispen Matuso, Naison Kanyonga, Peter Matanga, Stephen Mugomeza, Gervese Kapenda, Titus Kanyasa, Nora Chitekwe Lucia Nyakura, Dorcas Nyachoto)
Katsukunya:	(Leonard Mtengo, Miriam Mtengo, Desmand Mango, Zachaes Chipfunde, Staoford Ntuli, Juliana Muchaendepi, Martha Chingwena)
Mudzonga:	(John Sitole, Joyce Sitole, John Munjoma, King Munjoma, Phyllis Nyakudanga)
Muswaire:	(Elisha Mvududu, Alfred Chaparadza, Kenneth Kawazva, Lydia Kasuso, Frances Chingwena)
Tsiga:	(Eunice Mufunde, Gilbert Mango, Gilbert Mutsetsa)

Mtoko East Circuit:	*Elisha Chimbganda 2*
Bondamakara:	(Zachariah Magunde, Jesmine Magunde, Rudo Tsiga, Danny Nyamakondiwa, Dzingai Mugadza, Joseph Musodza, P. Chiripanyanza)
Chatiza:	(Samuel Makawa, Rachel Makawa, Edmund Moses, Samuel Kasiwe, Martha Chidzonda)
Kawere:	(Geoffrey Chaparadza, Grace Chaparadza, Ezra Mukwena, Caiphas Muketiwa, Verna Mukutiwa)
Makosa:	(Langton Chikukwa, Misheck Mutize, Morris Chiwanza, Phares Kamupira, Rose Karimbika, Mary Matara, Jeconiah Makore)
Masango:	(Frank Chagwendere, Shine Chikowe, Idah Pemba)
Katavinya:	(Amos Katiyo, Anna Karonga)
Katsande:	(Eliah Karonga, J. Katekenya)
Musanhi:	(Robson Nyabote)
Nyamakosi:	(Titus Mufunde)
Mtoko North Circuit:	**Simon Kowo 3**
Chifamba:	(Elia Katsande, Willie Gambara, Oswald Karonga, Cathrine Mukuna)
Chimkopa:	(Hebert Mutize, Jessie Katsande, Roseline Mutize, Edith Zaranyika, Bazil Shumba, Moses Tsiga)
Kowo:	(Stephen Mrewa, E. Muskwe, Bertha Muskwe, Mary Kowo, Delegate Chikate)
Kawazva:	(Kingston Matanhire, Annie Musanhi)
Mandimutsa:	(Dennie Karumazondo)
Masenda:	(Webster Mugoni, Regina Musangudza)
Nyamkoho:	(John Chiimba, Mary Kativu)
Utonga:	(William Chitawa)
Chindoko:	(Remigis Nyaboti)
Kabasa:	(Shoni Chasauka)

Tarewa:	(Wilson Mascnda, N. Magidi)
African Missionary Society	
Chikwizo Circuit:	*Solomon Zuze 2*
Chikwizo:	(Terrieza Maswaure, Harrison Chinogureyi, Eva Joyce Munjoma)
Nyamvurachena:	(Luke Chokumanyara)
Rwenya:	(Leonard Mashumba)
Mbingisa:	(Enoch Mrewa)
Nyamande	(Sebastin Muparangwe)

MUTAMBARA DISTRICT

Superintendent:	
Church and Schools:	**Kare Eriksson 2**
Religious Education Worker:	(Rishon Gwinya)
Women's Work:	Mrs. K.E. Eriksson
Mutambara Mission:	
The Church	**Titus Maranke 5**
European Circuit:	**L. Blomquist 1**
Women's Work:	(Mrs. Maranke) Mrs. L. Blomquist)
Chairman of Staff:	**K. Eriksson 1**
Directress of Girls' Work:	M. Deyo 3
Boys' Boarding & Farm:	**L. Blomquist 3**
Boarding Mistress:	(L. Nyamhondera)
Central Primary School:	
Principal:	**K. Eriksson 2**
Headmistress:	Grace Otto 1 I. Scovill
Teachers:	(K. Sitole, M. Bofu, S. Mutambanengwe, B. Rugayo, R. Rugayo, Rhoda Rugayo, R. Mupingo, S. Mahommed.)
Boys' Industrial:	L. Blomquist, (S. Sisimayi, S. Mashingaidze, C. Chitumwa)
Girls' Industrial:	M. Deyo (E. Mukonde, L. Mukonde, V. Mauwa)
Medical Work:	R. Hanson, E. Sweeney, (Dessie Katsidzira, Mary Manyau, Clara Mbodza, Lucia Ganje, Liza Musoni)
Mutambara Reserve:	(Period Dube, E. Kurimwa, L. Jangano, S. Mutari, H. Padenga, T. Ndongwe)

Mutambara East Circuit:	**Devison Chikosi 1**
Matendeudze:	(Elliot Mukonde, G. Mukonde O. Mufudza, Z. Sitole, J. Mtetwa, M. Rugayo, B. Munjoma)
Chiramba:	(Necodimus Magobeya, E. Makweyana, K. Musimwa, E. Sisimayi)
Nyambeya:	(John Mapimbiro, K. Mandota, E. Marembo)
Cronley:	(D. Matsikinyiri)
Mudima:	(J. Mangwandi, H. Mutenda)
Dunhu:	(E. Musariyarwa, S. Mafunga, G. Munjoma, A. Mhlanga)
Munyebvu:	(Tudor Chinzwende)
Mutambara West Circuit:	**Silas Kasambira 10**
Chakohwa:	(Aaron Hlahla, E. Mtisi, H. Dzambo, A. Rwizi, D. Kasambira, I. Mugebe)
Nechitima:	(Size Masenga, A. Kasambira I. Padenga)
Hot Springs:	(S. Chibvuri, S. Mwaruta)
Matsororo:	(E. Makamanzi, Elmon Makamanzi)
Chayemiti:	(T. Sibanda, G. Pedzeni, A. Sigauke, P. Tofa, G. Sibanda)
Shinja:	(Lloyd Munjoma, E. Munjoma, M. Muraisi, E. Tiengane, E. Simbi)
Bvundura:	To be supplied.
Nyanyadzi Circuit:	**Jackson Rugayo 4**
Nyanyadzi:	(Jotham Chatema, F. Chatema, S. Gwitira, A. Mutambanengwe, G. Chiremba, A. Magwere, J. Mlambo, L. Mupinda, E. Nkomo, S. Musamirapamwe, M. Sitole, E. Mushiri, P. Ndoro)
Chitinha:	(Senjulah Maringapasi J. Kuhlande)
Dirikwe:	(Elia Zviuya, A. Kombo)

NYADIRI DISTRICT

Church Superintendent:	Jonah Chitombo 3
School Superintendent:	M. W. Murphree 1
District Evangelist:	Marshall Murphree 2
Religious Education Worker:	Evison Mutanga 2
Women's Work:	Mrs. J. Chitombo 3
District School Clerk:	Enock Mupaya 2
Nyadiri Mission:	Jonah Chitombo 9
Assistant Pastor:	*Nason Dikanifua 3*
Hospital Chaplain:	Elia Jangano 1
Chairman of Staff:	Bruce Smalley 1
Women's Work:	Mrs. J. Chitombo, Mrs. B. Smalley Mrs, G. Carr, Mrs. M. Murphree.
Directress of Girls' School:	Sarah King 7
Principal:	Sarah King 7
Building Constructor:	Galen Carr 4, (Benson Makoni.)
Farm:	Bruce Smalley, (Francis Nyachoto.)
Power and Light:	Galen Carr 4 (Enoch Kadiki.)
Teacher Training and Central Primary:	Sarah King, Francis Hackler, Mildred Taylor (Until Jan.) E. DeVries, Vivian Otto (until April.) (Davidson Sadza, Conrad Manyando, Evans Mutongwozo, Bennie Jambga, James Makawa, Jonah Muskwe, James Matanhire, Thomas Mvududu, Elliot Musumhi, Arnold Chimbganda, Leonard Chikoto, Norman Madanhi, Noel Majora, Cecelia Nhehweyembwa, Grace Nyamabaya, Mavis Chiwara)
Boys' Boarding:	Bruce Smalley 4 (Dangson Nyagurungu) (B.M.)
Boarding Mistress:	(Janne Jamakanga)
School Clerk:	(Joel Musamba)
Nyaitenga School:	(William Buwu, (H.T.) Timothy Chimbganda, Mrs. W. Masangudza, Mrs. R. Zaranyika, Mrs. C. Mabaya, Hama Kanyayi, George Kadiki, Alice Matyora)

Washburn Memorial Hosp.:	Dr. Marvin Piburn 4
Treasurer:	Mrs. M. Piburn Margit Johansen (3) Jenny Larsen, Ruth Lind, (Titus Kuture, Samson Kalowa, Mrs. C. Manyande, Mrs. J. Chitombo, Kathryn Munjoma,)
Nursing Orderly Training:	Elma Ashby, (end of year) then Margit Johansen, Ruth Lind (Mrs. M. Matare, Alice Nyamangwanda)
Medical Extension:	Mrs. P.W. Jones.
Nyadiri East Circuit:	**Nason Madzinga 5**
Women's Work:	Mrs. N. Madzinga
Chindenga:	(Paul Chimbganda, Tauzeni Kadyautumbe, Simon Mupaya, M. Gwati)
Chiwoneso:	(Phineas Dzwengwe, Mrs. L. Nkomo, Donold Mukusha)
Danda:	(Khama Machakaire, Leonard Gurure)
Gumbutsa:	(S. Dzotize, Cecelia Matsika)
Gurure:	(Ephraim Kativu, Million Kashiri, Zabu Madawo, Paul Kufakwedeke, Peterson Nyakanyanga)
Kagande:	(Julius Gurure, Rupende Dzemwa, Lovemore Nyanungo)
Nyakabau:	(Aaron Chigonda, Paul Kusemwa, Caleb Gurure, Mrs. G. Nyakabau, Gostin Chirowodza)
Nyamakope:	(Anderson Rusike, Cecelia Dzwengwe, Rambai Rinomhota, F. Citewe, Mrs. A. Rusike)
Uzumba South Circuit:	**Amon Kajese 5**
Women's Work:	Mrs. A. Kajese
Chikwira:	Moses Samushonga, Luke Ngwena, Jeremiah Kanodewera)
Chitimbe:	
Clinic:	Judith Magunei
School:	(Albert Hlekisana, Walter Goso,

	William Gasaller, Mrs. A. Hlekisana, Thompson Kandembiri, Mrs. A. Kajese, Ezekial Mtasa, Isabel Karumazondo, Benson Kaseke, Christina Chitimbe, Simon Chigodora)
Kaseke:	(Elliot Jijita, Aaron Makawa)
Machekera:	(Philemon Gosha, Sydney Zimonte, Lameck Mazingizi, Josiah Matarutse)
Zanga:	(Nicholas Kandembiri, Ephraim Chakauya, Gilbert Hlekisana)
Uzumba North Circuit;	**Amon Kajese 4**
Women's Work:	Mrs. A. Kajese
Evangelist:	Nicholos Muskwe
Chikuhwa:	(Miller Masiku, Solomon Katiyo, Davis Musodza, Michael Zaranyika, Esther Chikwaro, Miriam Mtasa)
Chipfunde:	(Mrs. E. Ndhlovu)
Mashambanaka:	(Obadiah Mateura, Adams Zhakata, John Chitimbe, Isaiah Nyakambangwe)
Morris:	To be supplied.
Maramba—Pfungwe Circuit;	**John B. Jijita 5**
Women's Work:	Mrs. John Bunyan Jijita
Evangelist:	Enoch Makuto
Chitsungo:	(Joshua Mushori, J. Masango)
Dindi—	
Clinic	Jenet Kambarami
Schools:	(Phineas Mhlanga, Mrs. P. Mhlanga, Augustine Tahonganyi)
Guyu:	(Frederick Maparura, Mrs. P. Maparura)
Kafura:	(Samson Makuto, Stephen Chidawaenzi)
Maramba—	
Clinic:	Sophia Chirinda
Schools:	(Stanford Chihwai, Winnet Mukata, Fanwell Makore, Jonah Kaundikidza)
Nyadiri Circuit;	**Nason Chigubu 5**
Women's Work:	Mrs. N. Chigubu

Evangelist:	Titus Chitiyo
Chidodo:	Cuthbert Nyamande, Kenneth Magwani, Takaruza Nengu, Major Katsande)
Karimbika:	(Lordwell Karumazondo, Elias Bvunzawabaya, Isaac Chiponda)
Manyika:	(Nason Kaseke, Stephen Chigubu, Patros Chinherera, Mrs. E. Ngonyama, Wilton Mupaua, Mrs N. Kaseke, Stanley Zaranyika, Emelia Chingwena)
Matsenga:	(Stanley Mutsena, Evison Mashonganyika, Mrs. G. Nyamakura, Oswald Mhondah)
Mugabe:	(Noah Kagande, Manhando Mudarikwa, Crispen Katiyo)
Mupaya:	To be supplied.
Musanhi:	(Dennie Denga, Jennie Ndowe, Denford Chimbganda, Ada Muskwe, Rena Kaseke, Henry Chibaro, Edwin Mushayahembe)
Nyamasanga:	(Johnstone Gurure, Mrs. E. Muskwe, Cleopas Takabinga)

UMTALI—ZIMUNYA DISTRICT

Church and School Superintendent:	R. C. Gates 1
Woman's Work:	Mrs. R. C. Gates 1
Umtali Urban Area:	
St. Andrew's Church and European Circuit:	To be supplied.
Hilltop Church and Christian Religious Education Worker:	David Chinogurenyi
Christian Center: Director:	Rev. E.J. Aeschliman 4
Associates:	Mrs. E. J. Aeschliman.
	Marcia Ball, until Dec. 31, 1956, then Esther Russell.
	Enoch Chieza, until Dec. 31, 1956, then Daniel Kasambira.
	John Nemaungwe
	Susanna Chikukwa
Miller Memorial Church and Circuit:	
Pastor:	J.M. Chimbadzwa 3
Assistant:	P.J. Nemaungwe
Evangelist:	Philemon Dube.

Executive, Council of Co - ordination:-
E. J. Aeschliman, Chairman
R.C. Gates, J. Chimbadzwa
Marcia Ball, until Dec. 31, 1956
Esther Russell after Dec. 1956
Enoch Chicza, until Dec. 31, 1956, Daniel Kasambira after Dec. 31, 1956.
Mrs. West.
Pastor St. Andrew's Church. To be supplied.

African Girls Hostel: Mrs. T.J.C. West
Assistant: Mrs. Harriet Malianga

Zimunya South Circuit: **John Maramba 2**

Munyarari: (Samson Muzulu, Alice Nkomo, Annie Grace Chiwenda, Kenneth Mavunja, Maud Musamirapamwe, Newton Mucucu)

Derembge: (Simpson Mutanga, Richard Chikosi, Aggrey Rusero, Aman Mupinda, Marjorie Bandura, Jennifer Matamisa)

Mambgere: (Denford Musiyarira, Bonface Kashiri)

Dambakurimwa: (Mitros Murare, Tamary Murare, Arnold Murangwa)

Impudzi: (Muza Chiturumana, Alex Paul Sitole, Dzimba Chihambakwe)

Dzobo: (Daniel Betterman, Winnie Mutanga, Sylvia Madabura)

Murare: (Nathan Ndidzano, Blessing Mudombodzi, Christina Bvumbura, Mercy Parwehosi, Lazarus Gundumira)

Muromo: (Elijah Mvumi, Eva Mundondo, Sina Chipiro, Tabitha Mujeni)

Chitora: (Gladman Munyamana, Edward Makukunzwa, Philemon Chikotosa, Estella Shiridzinomwa, Leah Mhiza)

Zimunya South Circuit: **Enoch Munjoma 3**

Muradzikwa: (John Madhlayo, Anna Madhlayo, Reuben Chitenderu, Martha

	Chitenderu, Hardware Marowa, Grace Matiashe, Moddie Charwadza)
Chitakatira:	(Martin Nyagura, Verna Chitenderu, Matron Chitenderu, Elizabeth Sitole, Willie Mwedzi, Oliver Zamba, Mildred Chairuka)
Gwese:	(Teddie Bepete, Martha Chitakatira, Dorothy Kabaza, Elison Ganje)
Vumba:	(Amon Bepete)
Rowa:	(John Nduna, Wellington Muzarewetu, Sophie Murigwa, Hactor Muchuchu, J. Mwedzi)
Mt. Dangare:	(Alford Gowero, Clever Matanga, Olivia Usore, Caleb Sitole)

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Administrative Assistant to the Bishop: P. Hassing 1

The Methodist Church, Salisbury

Supervisor:	R. C. Gates 1
Minister	Samuel Chieza 6
Women's Work	Mrs. Samuel Chieza, Mrs. R. C. Gates
Religious Education:	(Josiah Makande)

Central Advisory Board for Native Education; Per Hassing 2

Literature: (Reporters)

Christian Advocate	F. Hackler
Methodist News Reporter	Mrs. M. J. Murphree
World Outlook	E. Matzigkeit
Conference News Reporter	E. Matzigkeit
African Christian Advocate	J. Carr until furlough then S. Higgs
Methodist Woman	M. Taylor
Mission Correspondents	S. King, P. Hassing, E. Chieza
Field Treasurer	Per Hassing
Concession Registrar	Per Hassing
Pastoral Extension & Music	Mr.&Mrs. M. J. Murphree Davidson Chipaumire
Missionary to the Indians:	to be supplied
European & Coloured Work:	to be supplied
Secretary of Evangelism	M. W. Murphree 1
Editor Sunday School Lessons	M. E. Culver 4

Editor, Junior Sunday School Lessons:
Director of Religious Education: Mrs. M.E. Culver
Editor Umbowo hwe Ukristu Maxwell Beni
Secretary of Literature I. Scovill
Agricultural Extension Work:
(Arnoldene, Glenada, Nyakatsapa) Deanne Manbeck 2
Directress of Women's Bible Training and Evangelism and Production of Literature L. Tubbs, Associate - M. Deyo.
Assistants: Mrs. Waene, Clara Kadzura

Missionary Counselors:

Mtoko	Mrs. Higgs
Nyadiri:	Mrs. Piburn
Mrewa:	Mrs. Miller
Makoni:	Mrs. Stine
Mtasa:	Mrs. Hassing
Maranke:	Mrs. Anfinson
Umtali - Zimunya:	Mrs. Aeschliman
	Mrs. Gates
Salisbury:	Mrs. Gates
Mutambara:	Mrs. Eriksson
Honde	Dr. Nutting

Conference Health Education Dr. Clara Nutting 4
Secretary of Temperance M. Ball 2
Secretary Board of Education (G. Kapenzi)
Supervisor of Building Construction T. J. C. West 3
M. Y. F. C. Miller 3

Fraternal Delegates to Methodist Synod: Per Hassing, J. Chidzikwe, M. Taylor
Directress of Shona Language School: I. Scovill, Dr. & Mrs. Stevick
Missionary to another society without annuity claim: L.E. Adkins
Professor at Scarritt College: A. L. Mansure 1
YMCA Wisconsin: A. R. Boucher 1
Columbia College, Missouri: C. E. Fuller 1
Left without appointment: A. Leiknes 1

RETURNING FROM FURLOUGH

Miss E. DeVries, Mr. and Mrs. Kinyon, Miss E. Sweeney.

GOING ON FURLOUGH

Mr. and Mrs. Tudor Roberts, Miss M. Ball, Miss S. Aldrich, Mr. and Mrs. Anfinsen, Miss E. Ashby.

ON FURLOUGH

Mr. and Mrs. K. Harper, Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Griffin.

SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS UNDER APPOINTMENT

		(School)
Theodore Chitsiku	—	St. Augustines
Brown Mazaiwana	—	St. Augustines
Josiah Munjoma	—	Waddilove
Justin Chibudu	—	Morgenster
Jonathan Nyanhanda	—	"

PART VI

REPORTS OF BOARDS

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CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS

Pensions paid June 30, 1955 to June 30, 1956

To Accepted Supplies:			
Daniel Chitenderu (Two Years)	-£ 12	0	0
Thomas Kamusono	-£ 6	0	0
Pensions to Minister:			
Z. Mukombiwa	- 25	5	0
D. Mandisodza	- 21	10	0
R. Ngonyama	- 21	10	0
Mrs. A. Kapenzi	- 12	0	0
B. Katsidzira	- 21	10	0
Mrs. I. Darikwa	- 16	2	6
T. Maranke	- 20	0	0
P. Chieza	- 21	10	0
	159	7	0

The matter of Rev. O. Chimonyo's pension was discussed at great length. The following agreement was made:

That since Rev. O. Chimonyo had not yet been paid any part of his pension, we feel that this should be handled in the same way as similar cases have been handled before.

We therefore suggest that the Rev. O. Chimonyo's family, that is the widow and five children who are not yet grown up, are paid back the Rev. O. Chimonyo's sav-

ings plus interest.

That we ask the Native Commissioner at Rusape who handled Rev. O. Chimonyo's savings to distribute the savings to Rev. Chimonyo's family.

EDUCATION

Director of Religious Education

The aim of our Christian Education program throughout the Conference this year has been to help boys and girls, and men and women "know and do the will of God".

We were privileged to have our Methodist Counsellor of Religious Education in Foreign Fields, Mrs. Floyd Shacklock, visit us this year.

There are nine full time District Religious Education Workers:

a. Children's Work: More pre-school mid-week religious instruction groups have been established.

The "Jesus-Friend of Children Everywhere" booklet has been translated and we are awaiting 4,000 copies of this booklet from the World Council of Churches. It contains beautiful pictures and blank pages where we will print the Shona words.

b. Youth Work: The M.Y.F. has grown in numbers and in its standards.

A recent survey throughout Rhodesia indicates that our Methodist Youth Fellowship is among the leading church youth groups of the country. Other denominations have sent delegates to our Training Institutes and conference where they have received inspiration to return and start similar youth groups in their churches also calling them Youth Fellowships. We look forward to co-operating in Interdenominational Youth Fellowship Programs.

c. Adult Work: New opportunities for growth in Christian living have come to the adult groups this year through the publication of the "Rukwadzano Worship Program Manual" and the "Vaedzwa" booklet. We hope every member will have his own copy.

d Leadership Training Institutes: This year have included those previously started for ministers, M.Y.F. leaders, and Religious Education workers. New training institutes were held for Evangelists and Supply Pastors. The plan is to continue all these this year and also hold a Rukwadzano Leaders' Training Institute next May.

e. Christian Home and Family Week: The Conference participated in the observance of Christian Home and Family Week, in co-operation with the Christian Council May 28-June 3. Literature and suggestions for carrying out the emphases were sent to each minister and to other workers

participating. Some excellent programs were promoted in the centers and villages.

Perhaps the most important advance in Religious Education this year was the all African Conference on curriculum materials which was held at Old Umtali Aug. 6-25. Delegates came from 17 countries of Africa and represented more than 100 church bodies. After three hard weeks of work, a curriculum was prepared for Sunday School materials to cover the needs of five age levels throughout Africa.

We hope the materials will be ready for use by 1958 or 1959.

Committee on Religious Education

A. Consideration of recommendations made last year. (p. 342-345 of 1955 Journal).

1. All the Junior Sunday School lessons for 1957/58 have been prepared by Africans with Missionary help.

It was recommended that all orders for Sunday School literature be placed at this conference through the district superintendents with the guidance of the R. E. workers.

2. Work has begun on an attractive children's book with a spiritual and moral tone.

3. Education is needed in the field of Christian giving. It is recommended that lay delegates, minister, and district superintendents give added emphasis to this. Special emphasis should be given to tithing since this is not fully understood. The Umbowo, camp meetings, M.Y.F. etc. are opportunities for explaining tithing.

4. Continued emphasis needs to be placed on religious education in our training centers and schools. Those with a Christian experience, not only teachers, are the ones who must be responsible for church work such as teaching Sunday School. Some of our teachers may not feel this call. It is recommended that the selection of T.T. candidates be done with the consideration of their spiritual interest.

B. M.Y.F. and Youth work.

1. The time of conducting Sunday School and M.Y.F. is local church decision. M.Y.F. should draw into its membership those who do not attend school as well as school children. Like wise Sunday School should be open to all in the community. Christian parents should encourage their children to go to Sunday School.

2. It was voted that the M.Y.F. continue its Training Institute for another five year period.

3. The following were elected to the M.Y.F. program committee:

Vivian Otto, Mildred Taylor, Bruce Smalley, Benny Jambga, and Grace Nyamubaya.

4. We approve of the following officers elected by the M. Y. F. Annual Conference. President- Lazarus Mandizha: Vice President- Josiah Njagu, Secretary - Annie Munjoma: Vice Secretary - Miss Maswaure; Treasurer- W. Mutsago.

C. Committee on Sunday School Literature: 1) Senior material - Mai Mhlanga, Dr. Goodloe, Rev. Muzorewa, 2) Junior Material - Miss N. Ngonyama, Grace Otto, Mrs. Griffin conference director ex-officio.

D. Organizations within our Church:

1. We recommend that we emphasize the church as the center of our spiritual lives and use the organizations within the church as tools to serve the church.

2. We agree that our church should provide Religious Education for all groups. We are at present promoting Christian training and fellowship through organized children's work, youth work adult Women's and adult Men's Institutes. We also embasize Christian fellowship training for the ever increasing group of young unmarried women.

E. Each local church should be responsible for supplying itself with Sunday School lessons through funds from regular church collections.

F. We present the following suggestions for small awards to pupils for having obtained certain goals in Sunday School.

1) That the awards be of spiritual significance, not of money, such as gift New Testaments both in Chimanyika and English, Ngoma, and Religious pictures.

2. That attendance of 45 out of 52 Sundays be a norm deserving reward.

3) That 50 verses of scripture be a minimum for reward. Suggested passages: a) Ten Commendments b) Beatitudes (c) Bible Stories - Christmas, Easter, Prodigal Son, Old Testament. (d) Golden texts from Sunday School lessons (e) Students own favourites.

The local Sunday School should find money to pay for these rewards.

G. We want to express our deep appreciation to our Religious Education workers for the work that they are doing in the villages.

Schools

1. Girl's Domestic Science in North: We commend the Rukwadzano Rwe Wadzimai for what they have already accomplished in the line of home-making classes, etc. in some districts. We recommend to the Executives of the two sections of the Rukwadzano that they take this matter up and carry the development of this kind of training to the over - school age girls.

2. Uniform Bible syllabus: We move that all schools in

our Conference use the syllabus prepared by the Native Education Department.

3. Report on Nyamuzuwe: Due to the fact that funds are not available the school buildings will not be ready for school in January 1957. The government desires that we move all of Mtoko boarding to Nyamuzuwe simultaneously.

4. We ask that time be given for a discussion during this Conference of our Educational Expansion.

5. Over - age pupils: Age limit regulations of the Native Education Department states from January 1st 1956 no pupil may be enrolled in Std. IV who has reached his 15th birthday.

6. School Fees: We ask the school supperintendents to come to a united agreement with the school committee as to the keeping and the use of school fees.

III Home and Community Life

A. We recommend that all our churches observe the Christian Home Week and where possible join with other churches in the community in observing this week.

Suggested ways of observing:

1. Group meetings of men, Women, youth, children, young married people, mass meetings. 2. Social gathering of families 3. Family worship and corporate worship.

Suggested subjects for discussion: 1. Christian marriage including pre-marriage counseling, significance of the Christian marriage ceremony, wedding expenses of feast and clothing, lobola. 2. A Christian person as a husband, wife, father, mother, child, adolescent, single adult, engaged person. 3. Christian family unit in its moral standard, worship, health and diet, use of leisure time, budget, work.

B. In reference to our youth groups we recommend that a group at the Umtali Methodist Social Centre be delegated to receive the questions that youth are asking throughout the conference and prepare suitable literature for distribution to answer these questions.

Publications Committee

A. The purpose of Publications is to provide a channel through which printed Christian literature may be produced.

From the suggestion that the leaders of the language school should read the proof of manuscripts, and from the suggestion that some methods must be used to check quality and accuracy of information, the Conference Publications Committee approved the following steps to be taken by a writer or translater for producing a book.

1. He must submit his manuscript to the Conference Publications Committee to approve the idea and the sub-

jects, and to ascertain the need for the article.

2. If the Publications Committee approves the idea and subject and need, it will then appoint a recognized group or Committee of qualified people to evaluate the accuracy and quality of information and either approve or disapprove the manuscript. For example, a recognized group of medical people should examine all manuscripts pertaining to health and medical matters.

3. The writer or translater next submits the manuscript to a Committee of 4 (the Permanent Publications subcommittee) to approve the accuracy of the translation and the literary quality, the saleability of the article, the number to be printed etc. This Committee is to be composed of the two language school Conference appointees, i. e. one African and missionary, plus the press manager plus a 4th person to be chosen by the first 3. It was suggested that a sample of the first chapter of the finished translated manuscript should be approved for accuracy, correct language usage, and good form before the entire book is translated.

4. Publishing. If a loan is needed from the revolving publication fund, the request should be submitted to the Literature Committee of the Field Committee.

C. Other items of business enacted were:

1. The vacancy left by Miss B. Reitz on the publication Permanent Sub - Committee was discussed. It was agreed that this Committee will be composed of the two Conference language school appointees, i. e. one African and one missionary, plus the press manager, plus a 4th person chosen by the first three.

2. It was agreed that "Umbowo" should be enlarged.

3. Preparation for the reprinting of the Ngoma before the present edition is depleted in about two years was discussed. A sub-committee composed of R. M. Chiza, Mrs. M. J. Murphree, Matzigkeit, Mr Kapenzi, Miss Scovill and E. Chieza was chosen to look into such matters of revision as new orthograpy, type, size, format, cost, binding, etc. M. Chiza was elected Chairman.

4. The plan of the Field Committee for publications and distribution of literature and books was approved by the Publications Committee. This includes the purchase of a book-van to distribute and sell literature throughout the Conference. Distribution of free literature in jails and clinics was also suggested. To help implement this plan, the Publication Committee and the Field Committee ask the support of the District Superintendents, by ordering all of

their school books through our press. A discount will be made to District Superintendents, the press can realize a profit, and the books can be sold to children at the same price as before.

5. Sunday school lessons: As an answer to the complaints that S.S. lessons are too long it was pointed out that they are supposed to be read by the teacher before Sunday class period. They are intended to give the teacher a good background for the Sunday School class discussion, but are not intended to be read in total at the class period.

By 1958 or 59 new Sunday School lessons worked out by All Africa Religious Education Committee will be ready.

6. It was agreed that literature should be produced which will cover the following areas:

Vocational Guidance, Christian Home, Family and marriage, children's books, Religious Fiction, Religious Magazines, Agriculture, and devotional.

It was agreed and urged that someone, perhaps several people should be writing and collecting devotional literature continually for an "Upper Room" type of publication.

7. We recommend that the press accept work from other denominations. It was felt that the Field Committee should discuss such questions as "Shall they be charged more than our Methodist people for their printing?"

8. General News Coverage: It was suggested that a reporter be appointed to see that Conference news gets good publicity in newspapers and to constituents.

9. An Audio-Visual Sub-Committee of the Publication Committee was established with E. L. Sells as our Conference Audio - Visual representative. It was urged that we use materials available in the Salisbury film library, and that those owned by Rev. Sells, or owned by others be passed around and used. The address of the Salisbury film library is:
THE LIBRARIAN, METHODIST BOOKROOM, 91 MOFFAT ST. SBY. It was suggested that all Audio - Visual materials available should be included in the listings of a general catalogue of books and supplies available through our press.

10. Books for approval: M. E. Culver is working on two books. (1) "Local Preachers Course of Study." (2) "A handbook of Rituals." Both were approved and referred to the Board of Ministerial Training for 2nd step approval.

b. Dr. Nutting spoke about the need for health education literature. It was agreed that Miss Ashby's book on "Public-Health"

should be submitted to the 3rd step committee before reprinting.

c. An illustrated Bible Study by L. Tubbs, to be referred to the School Committee for 2nd step approved.

d. A second printing of the present edition of the Waedzwa book was approved.

e. Appreciation: We extend a big thankyou to Mr. Maringanise and his workers at the press for their carrying out the work in the absence of a full time press manager.

EVANGELISM

In 1956, Africa presents one of the greatest challenges to evangelism that has ever confronted the Christian Church. The General Conference has presented the Methodist Church with an evangelistic program for the Quadrennium which finds its focus in the local church. Points of this program include: 1) A study of the evangelistic needs of goals to be achieved by the local churches, and 2) A fourfold evangelistic emphasis involving a. "Christ and ourselves," b. "Christ and our resources," c. "Christ and our mission." d. Christ and our freedom." The Board of Evangelism wishes to recommend the adoption of this program to the Conference.

To make such a program effective in our Conference we make the following recommendations:

1. The development of the office of Secretary of Evangelism for the Conference.

2. Two courses as part of the curriculum in the Pastor's School and the Evangelists' Institute during the coming year: one in the Quadrennial program of evangelism proposed by the General Conference, and one in the promotion of Bible reading and study among our members, the latter not to be a course in Bible content but in methods of bringing the Bible study habit into the lives of our people.

3. We recommend that the Superintendents be responsible for a study of each local church in their districts and that a proper record be kept of their findings for future reference. From the information so gathered, goals should be set up that would challenge the Christian constituency of the entire community.

4. We recommend that, where possible, the administration of the Lord's Supper, Baptisms and reception of members be conducted in both the local church and Circuit meetings.

5. We recommend that the office of the Secretary of Evangelism prepare mater-

ials that can be used on the day of Pentecost in keeping with the General Conference emphasis.

6. We recommend that the Calendar committee set a day early in the Conference year, in which the local churches observe a 24 hour prayer vigil, praying especially for a deepening of the spiritual lives of our church members.

7. We recommend that the Daily Light and the Bible be used in every Christian home for family devotions.

In the field of Urban Evangelism

1. We call attention to the rapid growth of population in Salisbury and the opportunity for a program of aggressive evangelism there.

a) We ask that Bishop and Cabinet consider the appointment of an additional minister to this area.

b) We urge the construction of our church building there and recommend that it have precedence over other building projects in our program in Salisbury.

c) We recommend that the project for a Social Center in Harare be pushed to completion.

2. We recommend Evangelistic campaigns and programs on an interdenominational level, both adult and youth.

3. We recommend a closer liason between our rural and urban ministers regarding our shifting population. Information concerning the movement of members and evangelistic prospects should be supplied to our urban workers.

In the field of Rural Evangelism

In addition to continuing our evangelistic outreach where our church is not now established we recommend:

1. Inyanga North Reserve. That the evangelization of the people in this Reserve be continued, by workers from the Mtasa, Makoni and Mtoko Districts.

2. Chikwizo Reserve. That the African Missionary Society find an evangelist (Senna - Speaking, if possible) to be sent to the Ulere Camp on the the Rwenya River as a full time worker among the migrants from P. E. A. A close liason should be established between him and our church workers in Salisbury and Umtali to the end that these men should be incorporated into the life of our churches there, and that when they return to their homes in P. E. A. they will go as messengers of the Gospel.

3. Mkota Reserve That the evangelization of this reserve and the permanent

establishment of the Methodist Church there be a concern of the Churches in the Mtoko District.

4. Maramba and Pfungwe Reserves.

That the evangelization of these two reserves and the establishment of preaching places therein be an item of concern for Nyadiri District Church.

5. Chimanda Reserve.

Due to report of great need in this area and request for the establishment of our work there, we recommend that evangelistic work in this Reserve be a concern of the Nyadiri District, particularly of Maramba-Pfungwe Circuit.

We further recommend:

1. That the Annual Bible School for men be continued.
2. That a program of counselling for students be set up at each Central Primary and Higher training schools; this program to deal with the vocational, domestic and personal areas of the students' lives; and that the pastor of the local church and the respective heads of schools be responsible for this program.
3. The continuance of the Bible correspondence course.
4. The appointment of African school superintendents to enable the church superintendents to give greater attention to the life of the church.
5. The maintenance of the Conference teams for evangelism and Pastoral Extension throughout the coming Quadrennium.
6. A greater participation on weekends in the work of the rural church on the part of our workers on mission stations.
7. The establishment of week - end retreats for spiritual enrichment of teachers, to be arranged by local pastor and head teacher.
8. That the Government be approached about getting one place in each of the areas where we now have camp-meetings, set aside for developing a camp-meeting site. We recommend that each District Superintendent make this an item of business during the coming year.
9. Large numbers of Methodist students are in Government Schools such as Goromonzi and Domboshawa. The administrations of these schools welcome our ministry not only to the Methodists but to the whole student body. We recommend that our evangelistic program include such schools on its agenda.

LAY ACTIVITIES

Report of the Conference Lay Leader:

The Conference Lay Leader travelled widely through our Conference Area during the past Conference year, speak-

ing in local churches, Quarterly Conferences, District meetings, Christian Convention, Wabvuwi meeting, Rukwadzano rwe Vadzimai, Campmeetings and refresher courses. He emphasized: (a) Stewardship, (b) church organization, (c) Strengthening the local church.

The following are some goals for the laymen:

1. More knowledge of the working of the church.
2. More church leaders taking the responsibilities of the church.
3. More understanding of Stewardship.
4. More interest shown by our church people in camp meetings, Quarterly meetings and leaders meetings.

In May of this year for the first time, representatives from all our districts, some of them district lay leaders, met for 3 days at Muziti under the leadership of the Conference Lay leader.

Report from Districts:

Mrewa: Mrewa district is trying to cope with its duty of supporting the church. The District Lay leader visited 2 camp meetings and one Quarterly meeting speaking on the strengthening of the church.

Nyadiri: The district is doing well in its support of the church.

Mutasa—Makoni: The district Lay leader reports that he travelled at 3 different times in Makoni and on several occasions in Mutasa speaking in local churches, Quarterly meetings and camp meetings. The district is also trying to cope with church support.

Mutambara: The district Lay leader visited a number of quarterly conferences where he and the circuit lay leader spoke to the people about the church. He reports that one circuit is trying hard to support its pastor and in the other circuits the support is being given in full. The south circuit reports that they are unable to meet the pastor's full salary.

Umtali: Pastoral support is well taken care of. We are collecting money for church extension. The Christian Centre has become a center of activities for many Christians. Church support is paid in full.

Mtoko: At present we have difficulties in financial matters. The church work is growing. Some stations have new church buildings. The circuit lay leaders were active in their work.

Maranke-Chiduku: The Pastoral support has improved and we look forward to a full support. Three new churches were built in Maranke. The District lay leaders gave talks at all quarterly Conferences about lay activities. In

Chiduku the district lay leader gave talks at 2 quarterly conferences.

Recommendations from the Board of Lay Activities

1. We recommend that anything above the £30 set for travel for the Conference Lay Leader, be paid by the District using the services of the Lay Leader.
2. We recommend to the District that when their District lay leader travels outside his district for approved lay meetings that his district be responsible for his expenses.
3. We recommend that the Conference Treasurer explain to the delegates at Annual conference how the conference assessments are determined for each circuit.
4. It is recommended that in each circuit a pastoral relations committee be set up.
5. On the question of the use of school fees, the chairman reminded the conference delegates of the agreement made in the Journal of 1954 that the Superintendents' books be examined by a committee in each circuit. The District Lay leaders were then asked to report the findings of these committees at conference and action would be taken accordingly.

The first Conference of the Board of Lay Activities meeting at Muziti, May 18-21, after hearing a good report of the pooling of the funds in the Nyadiri District, request that this system be referred to all the Districts of the Conference for consideration.

MEDICAL ACTIVITIES

The Committee made the following recommendations:

1. That in future we think of a center for the care of and re-education of physically handicapped children, in connection with the Hospital at Nyadiri.
2. That we emphasize the need for more Health workers.
3. That in connection with the Nursing Courses we emphasize Health Education.
4. That as soon as possible we give an extra short post-graduate course in Health Education for graduates interested in this work.
5. That Babyfold Sunday be observed more widely throughout the Conference and letters be sent out to remind the minister about Babyfold Sunday and supply information that would serve to stimulate interest in giving.

We appreciate the many gifts from Rukwadzano for our Baby Folds and ask that they continue to

support this work, and also ask if the Missionary Society would like to help in this very needy project.

MINISTERIAL TRAINING, Qualifications and Relations

We recommend:

1. That the District Superintendents go over their lists of approved supply Pastors in the light of the Discipline and the 1950 minutes which state, "An approved Supply is one under full appointment and receives his entire support as an approved Supply Pastor."

2. That David Chinogurenyi be reinstated on Trial and that his year of service as a Religious Education Worker be credited for pension purposes.

3. That H. F. Anfinson be urged to complete his third and fourth years of the Norwegian Conference Course of Study while on Furlough; that if H. F. Anfinson studies at a University in America a small Committee be asked to see that his studies there will be equivalent to the course of study.

4. That those "On Trial" or "In full connection" should not be listed as taking studies until the Course of study is prepared and in use.

5. That the present class in the Theological School be graduated at the end of three years.

6. That a Committee composed of J. Chimbadzwa, Jonah Machiri, P. Hassing and M. Culver study the status of trained Evangelists, and present a report at next Conference.

7. That as soon as the "strong room" is completed at the Theological School the Registrars and records be kept there.

8. That a Literature sub-Committee composed of J Chimbadzwa, M. Chiza, P. Hassing be appointed to approve the content of the Local Preachers' Manual being written by M. Culver.

9. That as soon as possible this Local Preachers Manual be given priority in printing over other publications.

10. We approve:

Last 2 weeks of February for Pastors' School.

Last week in March and 1st week in April for Evangelist School.

The Leadership Training School for Rukwadzano to be held in May.

TEMPERANCE

1. We recommend that we continue a strict maintenance of the rule regarding no drinking of intoxicating liquor amongst our membership.

2. We recommend that Temperance lessons be taught in all our church groups such as: Rukwadzano, Wabvuwi, M.

Y. F., Sunday School, Class Meetings, etc.

3. We request our church members to write letters protesting against strong drink to the African Weekly, Drum and Parade.

4. We recommend that the Conference. Secretary, Mr. Sells, write to Mr. A. R. W. Stumbles, M. P., that the Rhodesia Annual Conference meeting this week sends a protest against strong drink.

5. We request that the Conference Temperance Secretary write protesting letters to Municipal officials of the NAD in various towns.

6. Seeing that strong drink is excessively used by our people both young and adult, we strongly urge our preachers to preach, teach, and pray against this evil and where possible preaching points be asked for on farm locations especially near the mission farms.

7. The following report of the Temperance Secretary was voted to be included as part of the Board of Temperance report.

To awaken the church again to the seriousness of the problem, a series of monthly letters was started to all pastors, evangelists, religious education workers, members of the temperance committee, and other interested persons. 12 letters were sent during the year, 100 letters each month. 3 programs on temperance were put in the M. Y. F. program material. Articles were put in Umbowo. Extra literature was given at the African Christian Convention. Sermons were given in a number of places in the Southern half of the Conference such as: Evangelists School, Pastors school, M.Y.F. Conference, Wabvuwi meeting, Rukwadzano meeting, Hilltop, Laymans Institute, Bible School, African Christian Conference and 4 Camp Meetings.

In April it was seen that the government was thinking of giving European liquor to Africans. A letter was sent to Mr. A. R. W. Stumbles, M. P., protesting this. A letter of acknowledgement was received from his office. The protest was a petition of 1,000 African names gathered by our pastors all over the Conference.

The following motion was sent to the Rhodesia Christian Conference at Bulawayo and passed there last Monday: "The Temperance Secretary of the American Methodist Church wishes to move that a committee be formed to study the present liquor laws, forsee the probability of Africans receiving European liquor, try to outline a reasonable anti liquor program for S. Rhodesia with the aim of trying to influence the government at

such a time as seems appropriate. Such a Committee might also study effective temperance education and promotion of literature."

For the future the following points should be considered:

1. Material for ministers in preaching and counselling those who need help.
2. Material for laymen to fight the temptation and to help others.
3. Material for teaching children in the schools.
4. A Temperance Institute each year for a few days.
5. Material on the stronger drinks we call NARCOTICS such as Skokien, Nipa and Dagga.
6. Ways to fill the need of our people for gathering socially and not drinking but doing other, more acceptable things.

The following goals have been suggested:

1. No drinkers in the church membership.
2. A Community free from drunkeness.

This pledge has been used: 1. I will not drink intoxicating liquor. 2. I will seek to turn others from drinking. 3. I will help the church fight drinking. 4. I will make friends and have fellowship with non-drinkers.

The Secretary is planning to prepare the temperance letters for next year before leaving S. Rhodesia and hopes to attend a Temperance Institute while in America.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC

The following resolutions were passed:

1. That our preachers use Shona through-out their sermons: that this be pointed out at Ministers Refresher Courses and at Quarter Conference where all preachers assemble.
2. That part of the morning devotions and class meetings, be used to train our people in the use of Responsive Readings. The Lord's prayer and the Apostles Creed, so that our Churches may effectively and freely worship.
3. That the conference appoint a committee to gather and compile in a booklet choruses and songs for use in children's worship services.
4. That heads of departments of our schools require that all pupils beginning with Std. IV be given a thorough foundation in Tonic Solfa.
5. That we investigate the feasibility of appointing a conference Music Adviser to visit and give help to the teachers in their schools.
6. That shona translations of some good prayers for use by young Christians, be published in each issue of the

Umbowo, with the aim of compiling a prayer booklet. We suggest that Rev. J. Nemangwe undertake this project.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

1. Auditing
2. Finance
3. Interdenominational Relations
4. Memoirs
5. Resolutions
6. Urban Areas
7. Student Loans and Scholarships

1. AUDITING

The following books have been audited:

			£	s	d
1.	African Christian Convention (South)	Cash	74	16	0
2.	Rukwadzano Rwe Vadzimai	Cash	1665	18	2
3.	Ngariende (African Missionary Society	Cash	693	11	11
		Cash on Hand	60	19	3
5.	Salisbury Building	Bank	2215	15	1
6.	African Christian Convention (North)	Cash	61	14	11½
7.	Umbowo	Cash	53	7	1½
8.	Salisbury Methodist Church	Cash	70	9	9
9.	Honde District	Cash	78	10	8
10.	Conference Treasurer's Books	Cash	2240	11	6½

M. Y. F. Books were not submitted for audit.

The Chikwizo Church Books and the Salisbury Church books were received for audit and accepted under the conditions that certain recommendations be followed.

2. FINANCE

1. We nominate R. C. Gates for Conference Treasurer.
   We look forward to a possible appointment next year of an African Assistant Conference Treasurer.
2. We recommend the following Conference Assessments for the Conference year 1956-1957.

		£	s	d
a)	Episcopal Fund two percent of Pastoral Support.			
b)	Accepted Supply Pastors' Relief Fund £1 - 0 - 0 to be paid by the circuit for each Supply Pastor.			
c)	Conference administrations	20	0	0
d)	General Administration Fund	20	0	0
e)	Central Conference Fund	150	0	0
f)	Conference Journal	70	0	0

g) Conference Secretary	20	0	0
h) Conference Treasurer	6	0	0
i) Ministers' Travel to Conference	60	0	0
j) Travel for African District Superintendents *	90	0	0
k) African District Superintendents Salary assistance X	180	0	0
l) General Conference Delegates' Salary Fund	50	0	0
m) Travel for Conference Lay Leader	30	0	0
n) Food expenses for African members of the Field Committee	15	0	0
o) Travel for African Representatives to Southern Rhodesian Christian Conference	4	0	0
TOTAL	715	0	0

3. We recommend that the Conference accepts a standard procedure for financial assistance to African District Superintendents without Circuit Appointments.
4. We recommend that travel assistance is granted to the number of 4 African Representatives to the Southern Rhodesian Christian Conference at a rate of £2 - 0 - 0 a person. The amount is to be charged to the Conference Assessments annually.
5. We recommend that African delegates to the field Committee be paid a food allowance of 2/6 a day for 12 delegates at an average of 10 days a year.
6. We recommend that the collection at Conference 1955 be credited to the Conference assessments.
7. We consider that those ministers who are in arrears on the payment of their pension assessments should pay the total amount at once with interest.
8. We feel that the question of motor cars for the African District Superintendents cannot be solved on Conference basis at the present stage and we therefore refer the matter to the Field Committee.

* £30 per year for each Superintendent appointed.

X £90 per year for each Superintendent appointed.

3. INTERDENOMINATIONAL RELATIONS

1. Interdenominational agreements. That all agreements of an interdenominational nature be conducted through the District Superintendent concerned and the Chairman of the Cabinet; that the agreement be on paper and duly

signed by the principals concerned, these documents to be on file and available. Where such agreements involve schools, a copy of such documents be submitted to the Native Education Depart. The effectiveness of this procedure is evidenced by the cooperation we have experienced with the Dutch Reformed Church in the Maranke Reserve.

2 **Urban Evangelism.** We support the recommendation of the Board of Evangelism, asking for interdenominational evangelistic projects in our urban areas.

3. **Kariba.** We move that the Bishop be asked to explore the possibilities of cooperation with the Methodist Synod in the Christian development of the Kariba Area. We suggest that the Ngariende Society and the Conference Evangelistic workers would be appropriate channels through which our church could work in this connection.

4. **Exchange of Ministers with the Synod.** We recommend that an informal program of ministerial exchange with the Synod ministers in pulpits, evangelistic meetings etc., be attempted.

5. **Interdenominational Youth Work.** We recommend that the Youth leaders of the Conference attempt efforts at achieving greater interdenominational projects on the youth level, with the suggestion that help may be obtained from the World Council of Christian Education.

6. **Student Christian Movement** We move that M.Y.F. investigate the possibility of cooperation with the Student Christian Movement in interdenominational schools and help to organize and sponsor the Student Christian Movement in schools where no religious youth work exists. We further suggest that a representantive of the M. Y. F. be sent as an observer to the conference on this subject to be held this weekend, and nominate C. Miller and L. Mandizha.

7. **Southern Rhodesia Christian Conference.** In order to effectively utilize the ten votes that we have in the S. R. C. C., we recommend that at the next session of the Rhodesia Annual Conference ten delegates and ten alternates be elected to this body, these delegates to serve throughout the Quadrennium.

8. **Free Methodist Church** We recommend that the Secretary of the Conference write to the Free Methodist Church in Southern Rhodesia, inviting them to send a fraternal delegate to our Annual Conference

9. **Manica-Sofala work** We recommend that the Annual report of the Manica-Sofala

work be channeled through the Committee on Interdenominational Relations, and nominate as our representative on the Beira Committee Mrs. E. Roberts.

10. **Nyanyadzi.** We recommend that our Church retain its administration of our three schools at Nyanyadzi; that the present committee dealing with Rusitu on this matter arrange to meet with the representatives of the South Africa General Mission to inform them of this fact, and to express our feeling that it would not be in the best interest of the Kingdom for another church congregation to be established there, with power to act.

11. **Current Interdenominational Relations Projects.** For the information of the Conference we give the following list of interdenominational projects in which we currently have a part:

1. Southern Rhodesia Christian Conference, 2. Manica-Sofala Work, 3. The Methodist Council, 4. Training of ministers and Evangelists, 5. T. T. and Secondary Education in student exchange, 6. Bible Translation, 7. Delegates to the M. Y. F. 8. Health Education.

4. **MEMOIRS**

This Committee reports with regret:

1. The passing away of **Rev. Obadiah Chimonyo,** on August 25, 1955, in his home at Mundenda, after suffering for many months from heart trouble.

The late Rev. Chimonyo was a minister for twenty three years, preaching the Gospel of Salvation to his people, building new churches and schools in some of the circuits he served. He had a keen interest in the growth of the Kingdom of God.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife, children and relatives, asking God to comfort them in loneliness

2. The death of **Mrs. Chimbadzwa** Feb. 9, 1956, in Umtali. Mrs. Chimbadzwa was born at Gandanzara Makoni District. She and her husband, Rev. J. Chimbadzwa shared together in the work of the Lord at Mutambara, Old Umtali, Mrewa, Salisbury and Umtali. She was a real Christian mother in home as well as in the circuit, humble and faithful, and greatly loved and honoured by all for her noble and consecrated life.

To Rev. Chimbadzwa, children and relatives, we extend our deepest sympathy and may God comfort them in their sorrow.

3. We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Rev. and Mrs. Kajese for the loss of their son, **John Mark** who was born on January 30, 1954, and died on June 28, 1956.

4. In response to the recommendation which was adopted last year about Baba Faku's grave stone, the chairman of the Committee on Memoirs wrote a letter to Mr. Samuel Tsopotsa. In reply, Mr. Tsopotsa gave the total cost for the grave stone and labour which is £40.

We recommend that money be sent to him. Since the Treasurer's report shows only £16 - 10 - 0½ which was collected at the last Conference session, we recommend that the collection be repeated this conference session and that if it does not cover it we ask the ministers and their circuits to complete the task.

5. RESOLUTIONS

We have been privileged again this year to have Bishop Booth with us. We have been inspired and uplifted as we shared together through the morning devotions his trip through the Holy Land. We do express our sincere gratitude for his fellowship, leadership, counsel and challenge to us to become deeper Christians.

We express our appreciation for the fellowship and presence of Mrs. Booth. Her expressions of Christian love and deep concern for the Christian home and family brings her close to our hearts.

We thank Rev. and Mrs. F. B. Rea and Rev. D. Masunza, our fraternal delegates of the Synod, for their participation and fellowship with us.

We wish to express our gratitude to all those who have helped to maintain a deep spiritual level throughout the Conference by leading devotions. They have been helped by the committee on music and all those who participated in presenting musical numbers. The Tower Chimes have given a lift to our spirits. We are grateful too for the flowers and the worship centers in the church.

We give our thanks to God for sending into our midst so many new and returning missionaries,

To those who worked and planned that we might be comfortably lodged and fed, we express our appreciation. We are glad for the time of visiting and getting acquainted at the social teas. A spirit of fraternity prevailed in the dining rooms with intervisitation by Africans and missionaries. We thank the African women of the community for their gifts of food to the delegates and ministers.

For the Bishop's Reception, an evening of fellowship in fun, we thank the Nyadiri Staff and all those who gladly gave their talents. Other evenings of education and entertainment by special films were appreciated.

We are again reminded that time waits for no man in the pending retirement of Rev. W. Bourgaize a faithful, hardworking pioneer of the Mtoko District, during this coming year. We place on record our great appreciation of the valuable heritage that he has given us as a result of his life time of sacrificial service. We pray that he may have health and will be with us for many years.

Miss Louise M. Forest has given many years of effective service in our Conference as a teacher, secretary and Girl Guide leader. We wish her many years of happy and useful retired life as she leaves us next December. We sincerely thank her for the work that she has so faithfully done as one of our own fellowship.

We thank Mr. Chipunza for the visit to explain to us the aims and precepts of the Capricorn Africa Society.

We felt the reality of John Wesley's words, "The world is my parish" when we saw colored slides presented by Bishop Booth and heard the reports of Rev. Samuel Chieza and Mrs. Mava Stine, our delegates to General Conference. We do thank them for bringing to us the spirit of One Church as it encircles the globe, challenging all men to witness to Christ. Thanks be to God for the inspiration of His presence among us as we have been made more sensitive to His loving concern for all men.

6. URBAN AREAS

After reviewing the report of this committee from last year and considering further needs within urban areas, the following recommendations are:

1. In view of the fact that urban and rural townships are being planned, superintendents must seek to be informed on such developments and prepare accordingly.
2. The need of a Christian ministry to people from P.E.A. residing in urban areas must not be forgotton. As an avenue to an effective ministry the following steps are suggested.

(a) This Hill Top congregation make a survey to get information concerning residents, both permanent and transitory, from P. E. A.

(b) Through the church membership and using facilities of the centre, social assistance should be rendered unto those people with the intent of leading them into a deeper relationship with the Christian Church.

(c) Make available to the Chinyanja speaking people the portion of scripture already translated into this

dialect.

(d) There is need of an urgent consideration of a full time worker with the Portugese people.

3. It is recommended that the Joint Urban Committee give further consideration to the Joint Christian Center at Harare and that a report be made back to this committee next year.

4. The cabinet should consider the need of appointing an evangelist in the Bulawayo area following the death of Rev. Samkange.

5. That the secretary of the committee write to Rev. Persson in Johannesburg asking that the African minister ministering to the P. E. A. people seek to establish class meetings amongest the Methodists from Rhodesia.

6. This committee wishes to go on record as being in hearty sympathy with the concern for the spiritual life of those Christian people who are now working on the Kariba Dam.

7. It is recommended that the church project at Salisbury be encouraged and pushed, making possible construction as soon as possible. The committee suggests that the building committee examine the situation from a financial point of view to see if it is wise to start building immediately.

7. STUDENT LOANS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

1 A new committee having been chosen by the Conference this year, our membrship is now 25 instead of 6 as arranged by the Field Committee and passed by the Conference in 1954.

2. The new committee voted to retain Mr. Enoch Chieza as chairman and Miss L. Pfaff as secretary until February, and then to be replaced by Mr. Geoffrey Kapenzi.

3. According to the Conference Treasurer's books £884-10 10 is outstanding in loans. Of this £505 - 17 - 6 is with students still in school. Thus 378-13-4 is this year due or overdue. We thank those superintendents, ministers and others who have sought and collected amounts due from former loan students in their districts and we appreciate the payments made by loan students, some of whom have been very faithful in this. We ask that superintendents and ministers continue to aid the church in the collection of these loans from loanees in their districts. To facilitate this we ask that the secretary (1) contact each loan student before he leaves school, reminding him of his obligation to the Church and of the amount he has promised to refund each month; (2) send this information to student's superintendent. A more dif-

ficult problem remains in collecting from loanees who have left school before completing their course or who have left teaching before completing payment of loan and are not under employment of the church. We ask the cooperation of ministers in whose circuit they may be, and of others who know them, to use opportunities of contacting them regarding their obligations and encourage the repayment of their loans. A prepared list of such is available from the secretary.

4. In 1956, 28 students received loans:

11 boys in secondary school at Old Umtali.
2 boys in secondary school at Goromonzi.
1 boy in carpentry school at Mt. Silinda.
8 boys in teacher training at Old Umtali.
6 girls in teacher training at Old Umtali.

£307-15-0, was loaned to these students this year.

5. For 1957, 17 loan students have applied to continue their loans. These, with 44 new applicants make a total of 61 applicants for courses on secondary and lower teacher training level. If all these are accepted, £598-0-0 will be needed. To meet this £261-7-11 is in the treasury. For the remaining £ 336-12-1 we depend upon repayments by loanees and upon Church giving on Student Loan Sunday.

6. We wish to thank those throughout the churches of the Conference who contributed to the fund last year enabling 28 students to be in school this year. It will be of further benefit to students preparing next year for service in the Conference and so to the educational and Church program of the Conference if each helps by a program of promotion and of giving on Student Loan Sunday, 2nd November. Information from these minutes will aid in your programme. Money contributed should be sent through the Superintendent or district to the Conference Treasurer.

7. We ask that committee members be given and use opportunities at meetings of Rukwadzano, Vabvui, M.Y.F. etc. to explain and promote student loan giving.

D. REPORT OF THE TREASURER

The following is the Financial Statement and Report of the Conference Treasurer for the period from August 2nd. 1955 to August 31st. 1956

		Received	Expended.
Cash on hand August 31st. 1956		£727,13,4½.	
Minister Pension Funds:			
From Publishing House	173. 11. 7		
From Board of Pensons	19. 14. 4		
From Circuits	250. 1. 6		
From Ministers	90. 0. 0		
Interest	158. 11. 3	691. 18. 8	£179. 2. 6.
Gov. Bonds & Stocks		500. 0. 0	.....
Student Loan Fund		329. 16. 1½	235. 7. 6.
Conference Journal:			
From D. W. M.	21. 5. 6		
From W. D. C. S.	21. 5. 4		
From Circuits	64. 16. 6	107. 6. 4	103. 6. 0.
Accepted Supplies Relief Fund:		18. 0. 0	18. 0. 0.
Ministers Conference Travel:		77. 4. 0	58. 7. 5.
Episcopal Fund:		86. 17. 6	.....
General Administration Fund.		27. 8. 3	.....
Conference Secretary		26. 8. 3	.....
Conference Administration Fund		27. 8. 3	.....
Central Conference Fund		149. 7. 0	.....
Conference Treasurer:		5. 5. 9	4. 10. 3.
Afric. Dist. Supt. Salary Assist.		74. 0. 6	90. 0. 0.
General Conference Delegate Salary		82. 9. 6	100. 0. 0.
Assist. District Supts. Travel		176. 0. 0	120. 0. 0.
Conference Lay Leader Travel		36. 13. 3	30. 0. 0.
Rev. Faku's Grave Stone Fund		16. 10. ½	.....
Collections at Conference		18. 19. 5	.....
Conference Assessments Ciduku North Circuit.		.....	10. 0.
Conference Assessments Overpayment Mrewa South		8. 0.	.....
Cash on Hand August 31st. 1956		.....	2240. 10 6½
		£3179. 14 2½	£3179. 14. 2½

Report of the Conference Treasurer, (continued.)

The following are the Conference Assets:

Cash on Hand	£ 2240. 10. 6½.
Board of Pensions	600. 0. 0 .
Gov. Bonds & Stock	5789. 0. 0 .
General Conference Delegate's Travel	5. 19. 1 .
General Conference Delegate's Salary	42. 6. 9 .
Student Loan Account	884. 10. 10 .

Conference Lay Leader' Travel	6. 3 .
Conference Journal	12. 9. 5 .
African Dist. Superintendent Salary Assist.	15. 19. 6 .
	£ 9591. 2. 4½.

The following are the Conference Liabilities:

Strong Room	£ 18. 0. 0 .
Retired Workers Fund	24. 11. 7 .
Savings uncalled for	5. 15. 6 .
Conference Collections	18. 19. 5 .
Rev. Faku's Grave Stone Fund.	16. 10. ½.
Pension Fund	7251. 3. 7½.
Conference Board of Education	20. 18. 0 .
Accepted Supply Pastors Relief Fund	543. 15. 7½.
Loan Account	884. 10. 10 .
Student Loan Fund	261. 7. 11 .
Episcopal Fund	86. 17. 6 .
General Administration	27. 8. 3 .
Central Conference Fund	251. 3. 7 .
Conference Secretary	26. 12. 9 .
Conference Administration	63. 6. 9 .
Conference Treasurer	3. 12. 5 .
Ministers Travel to Conference	25. 18. 6 .
Assistant District Superintendents Travel	60. 2. 6 .
Overpayment, Mrewa South Circuit	8. 0 .
	£ 9591. 2. 4½.

E. COMPOSITE REPORT

The District Superintendent's.

The Rhodesia Annual Conference of the Methodist Church has assembled for its 18th session.

Annual Conference at Old Umtali has become a tradition in Rhodesia Methodism. We come here to report on the past year's progress, to plan future expansion, and to view both the present and the future in the right perspective of what has been accomplished by the pioneers who opened up the work here, some 60 years ago.

Our Church has been greatly honoured in that the Governor of S. Rhodesia, Sir William Powlet and Lady William Powlet paid a visit to Nyadiri and Mrewa in February this year.

Among our distinguished visitors to our field during the past years, Bishop Ensley, a keen observer of our difficulties and weeknessess, but also appreciative of the greatness of the work and the sincerity with which it is carried out. The visit from our Africa-Secretaries, Miss Ruth Lawrence and Dr. Ralph

E. Dodge was greatly appreciated by us all. We know that the time they spent in S. Rhodesia will mean much to the understanding of the work here, and overseas. Another outstanding visitor of the year was Dr. Harold DeWolf professor at Boston University. We all feel that we have found one more friend who understands the work in this field, whose understanding will mean something in years to come. He entered into our problems with a keenness and Christian brotherliness that went to our hearts. His visits to our villages and to our Center-stations, his straightforward sermons and friendly outspokenness we shall long remember.

Basic plans for the diviison of Mtasa-Makoni district into two separate units have been made so as to make possible better administration of the work in that area. The combining of Mundenda - Penhalonga circuits into one has made the new circuit almost self-supporting.

In Maranke re-arrangement of the two large circuits into three smaller ones seems to be a happy solution.

The fairly new work in the Nyamaropa - Inyanga North circuit is growing steadily under the leadership of the resident minister. Plans are being made for the securing of sites for churches there, with the possible opening of schools latter.

The Superintendent of Mrewa Disrtict and his assistant are carrying on admirably in the Headlands - Tanga area with the long distances.

From Mtoko comes encouraging news of the opening of new places for preaching the Gospel, and similar reports have arrived from Nyadiri and Honde districts.

In Zimunya district one of the oldest stations in our Conference, Muradzikwa has suffered a severe setback in that half the church members have been shifted to another place, but with the new Zimunya Township being established and a site granted to our church at Muradzikwa, we hope that difficulties will be overcome.

The "emigrated" members have organized a church at Mbiya, 100,000 bricks have been made and we expect to attend the dedication service of the Mabiya church before another Conference, we rejoice with the Nyadiri District Superintendent over the dedication of the two new churches. Other districts have brought similar reports. Maranke has a lovely new church at Mandiambira, and in Zimunya, Munyarari Church is to be dedicated on September this year.

From nearly all districts come encouraging words about churches under con-

struction. The churches dedicated nowadays are almost without exception structures of burnt bricks, with cement floors and permanent roofs and a seating capacity of from 100 to 500 people.

For all this we express gratitude to God who gave strength and initiative to his people, and to the hundreds of church-leaders all over the Conference. Without their coordinated effort, little would have been accomplished.

More and more the church members are feeling the responsibility for their church. Reports of increased giving in all districts bear testimony to that fact. All circuits have now adopted the new salary-scale, and are in most cases making a real effort, to meet their obligations.

Two districts, Nyadiri and Mutambara report district Conferences to plan together for future work.

Our urban work is increasingly prominent in the picture of our Church. The work in the Hilltop Church and the Christian Center, Umtali continue to expand. Eighty of that congregation came togather for a planning Conference at the beginning of the year, and bi-weekly Staff Prayer and planning meetings help to co-ordinate the work and keep the activities Christ-centered.

A growing Sunday-School at four different places, as a Daily-Vacation Bible school. Passion-Week meetings with around 200 decisions for Christ and a very successful Christian Home-Week plus several enjoyable Family-Parties present some of the highlights of the past year. The John Wesley-film which is now making its round in Conference, was shown seven times for various groups at the Christian Center. The Toc H monthly film show in our Hall at the Center has been continued also this year, which has delighted youngsters in the Sakubva Township. Such activities as the following are going on daily: M.Y.F. in various such activities in various groups, classmeetings, 22 Scripture-classes, sewing-classes, Teachers' 4 square-club, Young Working men's 4 C club, Sunday nights, Rukwadzano, Vabvuwi, Girl-Guides, Boy Scouts and Cubs etc. We pray that the plan for extension and redecoration of Hilltop Church will soon come to pass.

In Salisbury the work is also going forward. The first Women's Bible School has been conducted in the minister's backyard, and the teachers and the students expressed the hope that next one will be held in the new church. The minister went to General Conference, and we feel sure

that his travels in America are going to speed up the raising of a church structure in the capital of this country.

We want to extend our thanks to Rev. and Mrs. R. Clemnson for the fine way in which they ministered to the St. Andrew congregation during their rejourn with us. They report a lively and growing Sunday-School, a good number of Scripture classes in the Schools, and a promising Young People's Fellowship. They suggest some rearranging of their preaching places.

This year also the Vabvuwi had a Conference wide meeting in Chiduku. They meet a spiritual need which is not met otherwise, and we wish God's blessing on them.

The Rukwadzano is carrying their full share of the burden of the work on the local and on a Conference level. In both Northern and Southern sections the annual meetings have been held though difficulties with transport restricted attendences at meetings in some places.

It cannot be denied however, that when Rukwadzano and Vabvuwi have had their camps in July - August, the interest for our ordinary Camp-meeting in August - September in some places is less. We think it is a question of great importance in these days when the Reserves are being alloted out to private ownership, whether our Churches should not approach the Government with a view of getting at least one place in each of the present Reserves set aside for developing as a Camp site.

M.Y.F. especially at the bigger stations is growing fast, and Girl Guides and Boy Scouts are gaining footholds in many places. M.Y.F. camps are being planned in some districts. The great question is how to get able leadership for all these organizations.

Many report a successful Christian Home and Family-Week. The Directress of Religious Education in our Conference deserves thanks for the program suggestions used for this week. The many R.E. workers are all doing excellent work in our districts. We hope this venture can be continued and expanded in Co-operation with the D.S. and ministers.

The elected Conference Lay - Leader has travelled widely to District and Quarterly Conference to promote an understanding of the layman's responsibility in today's church. A small but selected group of lay-leaders from all districts came together at Muziti this year for the exchange of ideas about the activities of the layman, which resulted in vivid reports and discussions in our Quarterly meetings.

In our schools there is

urgent need for higher classes, more trained teachers, better buildings and more suitable equipment. During the last 6 years the enrolment in our schools has increased from 18,000 to 27,000. Teachers number 813 as against 538 in 1950. The percentage of trained teachers is creeping up very steadily but very slowly. The districts report a trained teacher percentage varying from below 12 to 40, with a Conference average of about 30.

Through the Conference at least 15 new blocks of classrooms have been completed in the past year, and new ones are being built all the time. The standard of construction has also greatly improved, and the same is true for teachers' houses. Many report fine co-operation in staff of our schools. In one district 6 trained teachers have decided to take the exam for becoming local preachers. We do need more well trained young preachers to carry on the glorious pastor-teacher tradition in our Church in Rhodesia.

At Mutambara Center a Christian-Activities-Week for school students was arranged this year. The subject for the Week was: "The Ten Commandments and their application in Modern Life,"

The Native Commissioner, Chief Mutambara and other African and European Visitors praised the work of the students and Staff at our Mutambara School Show this year. We are sorry that no new Standard 4 Classes can be started next year, but by next year we shall have two out-station-schools going up to Standard 6 and two more with Standard 5. These have been built by joint Church and community effort. The inspection reports from the Native Education Department tell of satisfactory, in some instances a higher educational Standard, under the leadership of African - Headmasters. The Secondary School at Old Umtali has an enrolment of 89. They report a 100% pass in last year's class. Gradually, our Secondary school is changing its course from U J.C. to Rhodesia J.C. and Cambridge Certificate. The Head of the Secondary Department writes that from everywhere our students have gone, good reports are coming back as to their scholastic ability and Christian standards.

At Old Umtali new dormitories for the boys were built and Fairfield Girls' School plans to have more dormitory spaces next year on buildings.

At Mrewa extensive repairs have been made, while at Nyadiri progress is seen in both Boys' and Girls' departments. The most distinctive

new future at Nyadiri is the New Domestic Science building, also called Dorcas House.

At Mutambara the new school is being erected permitting the School-Staff to run a one session School by 1957.

In Theological School in addition to regular classes for Ministerial Students and their wives, an excellent 3 Weeks course for pastors was conducted in February of this year.

In August this year an African Religious Education Conference was conducted at Old Umtali. R.E. Workers from Africa south of Sahara sat together for 3 weeks, preparing Religious Education materials for many Churches.

We are delighted to report that one unit of the new hospital at Nyadiri is nearing completion, and the walls of the second one are going up. New equipment such as Surgical table and a portable X-ray, has already arrived. 10 nurses come from our Nursing Orderlies' Training School this year. There are 27 students in our present 3 year course and in February 1957 a one year course for Maternity Assistants will be started extending the Training period to 4 years.

A childrens' clinic near Old Umtali is rendering valuable service to the Community and Dr. Pole Evans living on a farm near by makes regular visits to our hospital.

Mutambara Hospital and Maternity Center show a marked increase in their service to school and community. A new Nurses' Home is being planned here. A steadily developing phase of our Medical work is the extension program branching out from Mutambara and Nyadiri.

Bilharzia tests and treatments have been conducted in several schools in Maranke and Zimunya over a period of week-ends, with excellent results. Ante-natal clinics and general medical treament cater for an increasing number of people of this area and Nyadiri District.

The Mutambara Medical Staff has also ably assisted the Government Health Officers in their ante-tuberculosis campaign amongest the school-children in the village schools.

In the Nyadiri District our extension worker has engaged the help of the Rukwadzano Women in giving medicine and in teaching of sewing, knitting, reading, cooking etc. Plans are ready for starting ante-natal clinics and for the care of pre-school-children giving them immunizations and vaccinations and keeping a health-record of them.

The Conference Health Education Workers have visited 29 rural schools and churches each visit extending to 5-6 days. Experiments in using skim-milk powder have

been tried again. Nutrition is the fundamental health subject needed.

A 19 pages pamphlet in Shona on contagious diseases has recently come from the Press, and is hereby recommended to you all.

Pastoral Evangelistic teams report most encouraging results. The attendance in the Women's Institutes and the smooth running of them reflect the preparatory work done by the Ministers' wives.

The Conference Bible-Correspondence Course has reached its 7th lesson, and more students are taking part.

Nyadiri Agricultural Department has realized its best crop and live stock improvement year for some time. Through a very generous gift from America a good dairy Jersey herd has been started. Although Old Umtali farmers were working under a greater handcap than the other farms, improvements have been made. The Fairfield Girls' School farm expresses their appreciation for Mr. Prescott's work and for advice given by the Principal and agriculture teachers of Old Umtali.

The Mutambara farm continues to develop steadily. The European Farmers had their Farmers' Field Day on the Mission this year, which is something unique, and showed the increased interest and appreciation of farm work among the European neighbours. The Girls' school farm reports an excellent crop of maize and more land for ploughing than ever before. Good progress has been made in Conservation work at Arnoldene Farm and it is hoped that the urgent needs at Glenada and Nyakatsapa may soon be made.

We cannot impress strongyl enough on the Conference the urgent need for doing something worthwhile, to preserve the farm land entrusted to us in this country. The following reports deserve our utmost attention:

1. Committee on Farm Police and program 2. Committee on joint theological Training and 3. Committee on Principles Co-operation and school Expansion.

Each of them in their particular way signifies an era has dawned on us and our work for God in S. Rhodesia.

As we remember what we have accomplished this year, let us think of Jesus' Words. "When you have done all that is commanded of you say, We are unworthy servants, we have only done what was our duty."

F. Report of Councils and Societies

1. African Christian Convention (Northern and Southern Sections)

2. African Missionary Society

3. Methodist Historical Society
4. The Wabvuwi (Northern and Southern Sections)
5. Rukwadzano Rwe Wadzimai (Northern and Southern Sections)

1. African Chistian Convention

The Northern Section

The 28th session (5th of the Northern section) of the African Christian Convention of the Methodist Church was held at Citekwe, Mtoko District, on July 12 - 15th, 1956.

This Convention was well attended by the people of the Community and a large number of delegates. Also attending were Rev. W. Bourgaize, the District Superintendent, and Mr. B. Smalley, and our advisory members, Miss S. King and Rev. M. J. Murphree. The Christian Convention appreciated gifts of food from Rev. Bourgaize, Mr. Smalley and the Rukwadzano.

Resolutions

1. (a) We suggest that the approved recommendations and minutes of the Christian Convention and important happenings in the Convention be printed in Shona.

(b) It was requested that Mr. L. Mandizha and Mr. B. Jambga translate and forward the happenings to the Editor of Umbowo.

2. We remind our Ministers to distribute pamphlets from which lessons on Christian marriage are to be taught, when the material prepared by the Committee appointed last Conference is available. (Journal Page 345, 1955.)

3. We ask Principals of Schools to reply to the applications sent in by pupils in good time. Since this concerns Principals of all schools in Southern Rhodesia, we humbly ask the Annual Conference to forward this request to the Christian Conference.

4. Since the Discipline says that a member neglecting his duties of Church attendance and giving, should be dropped from Chuch membership, we recommend that before such Disciplinary action is taken, the Committee on Membership and Evangelism of that church remind such a member of his duties and seek to awaken the spirit of love for the Church in such a member. The Committee should also be more active in teaching and cultivating the spirit of giving as a joy of the spirit.

5. (a) We request that part of school fees be used for improving school buildings.

(b) We recommend that houses of ministers and teachers should be well improved in order to set an example of the better way of living.

6. We remind the Conference again about the middle age girls Fellowship Organization suggested last year.

7. Wherever possible all Christian men should take their families with them to live at the places of employment.

8. Each local church should be responsible for supplying itself with Sunday School lessons from funds received in regular Church collections.

9. We request the Conference to consider the establishment of a Girls' Industrial School in the Nothern section of the Conference similar to Tendayi School.

10. We suggest that a conference committee be chosen to study ways to raise the money for the African Superintendent's cars, and that the financing of such cars be in the form of a common pool.

(b) As the Conference is not yet able to provide cars for African Superintendents and Assistants, we request that the Board of Missions in America be informed of this need so that help may be secured if possible.

This request is being made as it seems early for the African Church to take its full responsibility in meeting this great and urgent need.

The following officers are nominated to the Conference for approval:

Chairman, Rev. J. T. Chitombo; Vice Chairman, Mr. J. S. Makuto; Secretary, Rev. D. T. Mushapaidzi; Vice Secretary, Mr. T. Mutemi; Treasurer, Rev. W. Mandisodza.

Advisory Members:
Miss S. King
Rev. M. J. Murphree

The Southern Section

The Convention met July 27 - 28, 1956 at Mandiambira, Maranke Reserve. About 300 took part. The following resolutions were voted to be put before the Conference.

1. That the school Committee of each station be allowed to receive and pay out the funds of the school fees, as the local church treasurer does with the local church funds.

2. We have understood that Mr. Janssen is to open a school at Nyakatsapa for carpentry, building, blacksmithing, weaving and basketry. We are very thankful this long-standing dream has come true and recommend that it be a qualified school issuing a recognized certificate.

3. In some areas, the LDO is offering tobacco seeds for planting. Some stores owned by church members sell tobacco. We strongly protest against these practices.

4. That the church candidates book be widely distributed, as soon as possible.

5. That the Ngariende and Rukwadzano executive committees strongly consider the ideas presented by Rev. Hassing namely that the Ngariende enlarge its work into new

fields and that the Rukwadzano take up the care of widows.

6. That the position of a polygamist in our church should not exceed that of beginner; but that they should be welcomed.

7. That all superstitious customs from the past regarding funerals and marriages be gathered together and published in the Umbowo, and banned from Christian ceremonies.

8. That we cooperate with both government and missionaries in supporting the new five year plan.

9. That if the son of Christian parents violates a girl, they should insist he marry her.

10. That the Conference appoint two district superintendents, one for the church and the other for school, similar to the situation at Nyadiri.

11. That the Committee on Christian brotherhood continue their work another year. Its members are: Rev. Aeschliman, Chimbadzwa, Chiza, Nemaungwe, Mr. Chieza Miss Deyo.

12. The following points were recommended regarding the Mai Chaza movement:

a. Those neglecting their preaching plans to attend her meetings should be reported to the Quarterly Conference for discipline.

b. Our members are not bound by any rules she may make.

c. No meetings of her followers among our members should be held without the Pastor's knowledge.

d. Children must be baptized in the church and not by her.

e. No badges or uniforms of her organization should be worn in our church.

f. We must give our people more lay activities to interest them more in our own church.

Lectures were given by Rev. P. Hassing, and Mr. E. Chieza on the organization of the church, and by Miss M. Ball on Temperance.

Officers were elected as follows: Chairman Rev. S. W. Munjoma, Vice Rev. S. Kasambira, Secretary Rev. E. Matongo, Vice Mr. E. Chieza, Treasurer Rev. M. Muparutsa. Members of the Executive Rev. M. Chiza, J. Machiri, and Mr. J. Chingono. Advisory members: Rev. P. Hassing, Miss M. Deyo.

2. The African Missionary Society

The work of God is growing at Chikwizo. There is a average Sunday Church attendance of about 220 people. Three men who were backsliders, and had married second wives were won back for Christ and

they have decided to put the second wife away.

There are three full members of Wabvuwi and four full members in Rukwadzano. A junior Church is organized, and was visited by Dr. and Mrs. Sherertz.

There is a dam under construction. 105 bags of cement have been used already and about 50 more needed for the dam.

A school building of 100 ft. long by 20 ft. wide is under construction. £500 may be spent on this building.

We are also planning to put a minister's house, Teachers' houses and a new clinic. About £1,060 may be spent to put up all these buildings.

The Chikwizo people have already made 5,100 bricks, and they are making still more, to be used in the building program.

Work is also being initiated at Mukota and Rwenyu River.

We thank Bishop Hagen and Rev. W. Bourgaize for the money they have offered to support the evanglist who will be appointed to Chikwizo.

The following are the officers of Ngariende:

Executive committee
Chairman: J. Kawadza
Vice chairman: J. Chitombo
Secretary: S. Kowo
Assistant Secretary L. Mandizha
Treasurer: Rev.J. Chidzikwe

Members of Committee:
Clopas Madzimbamuto
William Mayibaya
Solomon Pawiramanzi
Enock Chieza
Joseph Makuto
John Masosonore
Rev. Enock Munjoma
Timothy Nyakuno
Wadzimai Mandisodza, Kajese, Chitombo, Choto, Maranke, Mparutsa, Machiri and Jangano.

NGARIENDE, RECEIPTS, AUGUST 1955 TO AUGUST 1956

	£	s	d
Brought forward	739	7	11½
Nyadiri North Circuit		14	6
Nyadiri Mission	8	6	4
Nyadiri East Circuit	1	14	1
Mrewa East Circuit	11	17	11
Mrewa South Circuit	4	3	2½
Mrewa Mission	5	4	9
Mrewa North Circuit	7	0	0
Mutambara Mission	7	3	11
Mutambara Junior Church		10	0
Mtoko East Circuit	2	12	2
Mtoko North Circuit	4	8	0
Mrewa West Circuit		8	5

Mission Treasurer	261	14	2
Old Umtali Church	11	2	0
Salisbury Church	3	6	5
North Christian Convention	6	6	7
Makosa East Circuit	2	4	4½
Chikore-Tanda Circuit	5	15	2
Rukwadzano Treasurer	6	0	0
Mr. Chikonyora		10	0
Mr. J. Kawadza	4	0	10
Rev. Bourgaize	14	0	0
Received at the Conference:			
Zimunyu North	2	0	0
Nyakatsapa Circuit	2	5	0
Total received	1184	14	7½
Paid Out	-488	12	7
Cash Balance	696	2	½
In Post Office	697	11	11
Cash on Hand	1	9	10½

RECEIVED DURING THE CONFERENCE:

	£	s	d
Chikwizo	1	0	0
Mutambara West	1	17	0
Mutambara East	2	0	0
Mundenda Circuit	1	10	0
Maranke South Circuit	2	0	0
Maranke Center Circuit	2	5	6
Nyanyadzi Circuit	2	6	0
Annual Rukwadzano South	7	16	1
Old Umtali Church	10	5	10
Headlands Circuit	1	0	0
Nyadiri Circuit	2	5	0
Gandanzara Circuit	2	7	0
Maramba-Pfungwe Circuit	5	8	0
Chiduku South Circuit	1	5	3
Zimunya South Circuit	2	0	0
Chiduku North Circuit	2	0	0
Rev. Gurupira	3	0	0
Uzumba South Circuit	1	16	4
Conference Sunday	6	14	5
	58	16	5
In Post Office	697	11	11
Cash In Hand	1	9	10½
Balance in Cash	757	18	2½

3. METHODIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The work of the Historical Society, although difficult because of the lack of equipment and space for the housing of the Archives, is of supreme importance. Already significant matters of history have been forgotten. Without the materials of the late Rev. E. H. Greeley our knowledge of the past would be without any great significance.

During the past year, the work of the Archivist has been that of research in America. Valuable information and has been secured and contacts that will yield further information and materials have been made. The finding of the trunks of papers, diaries, pictures and etc. by the Grandson of the late Bishop Hartzell which are now in storage in New York and were carefully checked by the Archivist adds that which was missing in the materials of his life. Drew University has already started an exhibit and file for Bishop Hartzell and it has been urged that these materials be placed in the custody of Drew University. With the copies of materials in the Archives of Central Africa, the records of the work of Bishop Hartzell in Southern Rhodesia are almost complete. Further research on the life and work of the late Mother Hughes has been carried out both in England and America. A film strip was produced on her life and work. This will need to be revised before it is ready for general use in the Central Kansas Conference. The Historical Society of the Central Kansas Conference is greatly interested in this project and feels that materials relating to her should be in their keeping.

The following are the projects for this coming year:

1. A framed exhibit for Old Umtali that will be of historical significance in the presentation of the work of church.
2. Joining with the London Mission Society in the 100th Anniversary of Christian Missions coming to Rhodesia. This 1957 invitation to do so has been extended through the Southern Rhodesia Christian Conference.
3. Undertaking the research in the Archives of Central Africa on the history of our work on the Northern Section of our work.
4. The writing of an article as requested by the Umtali Municipal Council and the Rhodesian Graphic for a special issue of the Graphic next year on the 60th Anniversary of Umtali. This is now well under way and must be ready by January.
5. The continuing of searching out of articles and markers of historical significance.

6. Preparing for the Anniversaries:

1958—April 9th, 50th Anniversary-Mutambara. October 15th, 60th Anniversary of the Opening of our Mission.

1959—The 50th Anniversary of the opening of Mrewa.

7. The making of an article of furniture for the New Church Building of Bethany Church, Wichita, Kansas. This was the home church of Mother Hughes for 42 years.

8. That 2 copies of all publications be sent to Archives.

The following Officers and Committee are nominated for the approval of the Conference:

President: Rev. H. I. James.
Vice Presidents: Rev. G.A. Roberts; Rev. T. Maranke.
Archivist/Secretary; Rev. E. L. Sells.
Committee: Rev. P. Hassing, Miss M. Deyo, Rev. J. Chimbadzwa, Rev. W. Bourgaize and others interested.

4. The Wabvuwi

The Northern Section

The aim of the Wabvuwi is to bring others to Christ.

The Wabvuwi of the Northern section gives many thanks to Mr. Murphree for the advise he gave them on "How to win people to Christianity."

The Wabvuwi annual meeting was held near Chirenje Mountain, Mtoko district, July 19 to 22nd, 1956. We thank Rev. and Mrs. M.J. Murphree and Rev. Bourgaize for their help. 601 members received the Holy communion.

We had six missionaries and three delegates from Umtali who also attended our meeting. There were also four chiefs who visited us and one of them declared to us, "God is mighty and He is the God of Peace, or else such a big crowd would have fights only rather than peace."

In the name of the Lord Jesus the Wabvuwi won four people to Christ, who never knew Christ, and eight who had fallen into temptation; nine were saved from evil spirits; eighteen asked for special help.

The District:

Headlands

On their return from the meeting they prayed with and helped a woman whose child was very sick.

Mtoko

In Mtoko District 14 Wabvuwi went out to preach to many people. Thirty people were won to Christ. Two blind men were given money and clothes.

Chikore Tanda

Twelve men were received as full members of the Wabvuwi. The Wabvuwi in Chikore Tanda went to Katerere with the Gospel, therefore we now have many Christians in Katerere area. Twenty people gave themselves to Christ. Money was given to

some needy men.

Nyadiri

The Wabvuwi are going in pairs with the gospel from place to place. With this method they have won many people to Christ. At Chipengo kraal 3 men were saved from evil spirits and testified that they have found Christ as their Saviour. A total of £9-17-9d was given to the needy and bereaved.

Mrewa

Meetings of wabvuwi bring more men to join the movement, and revivals are conducted almost every month in different places. Jesus Christ is shown to people by preaching, praying and also by good deeds.

Officers:

D. Kumalinga, Chairman	Mrewa
J. Kazingizi, Vice Chairman	Nyadiri
W. Chieza, Secretary	Headlands
P. Kajese, Vice Secretary	Nyadiri
P. Muzengeza, Treasurer	Mtoko
Rev. J. Chitombo, Advisory member	Nyadiri

The Southern Section

The second Fishermen's Annual Assembly of the Methodist Church, met at Rukweza, Makoni Reserve, July 5-9, 1956, with the Chairman, Mr. F. Chipaumire presiding.

There were approximately 3,000 people, men and women, present.

The speakers were: Rev. M. Chiza, Rev. P. Chieza, Mr. E. Chieza, three delegates from the Northern Branch, and Rukwadzano and the District Superintendent.

The presence of God in our midst was felt by the whole Convention and many went home witnessing the same.

For some services, the Convention was divided into smaller groups for discussion. Reports from the group leaders were very encouraging.

Our aim is to serve others and to fish them to Christ, through personal visitation.

We were greatly encouraged to see as full fishermen with badges 9 teachers and 5 demonstrators.

1,004 took communion, pledging themselves to be loyal to the Lord Jesus.

We were honoured by the presence of Chief Rukweza who expressed his gratitude for the work done in his Reserve, and wished success to the Convention.

Officers:

President	Mr. F. Chipaumire
Vice President	Mr. I. Masiya
Secretary	Mr. R. Chitakatira

Vice Secretary Mr. C. Zisengwe
Treasurer Mr. M. Chikirimbani
Adviser Rev. J. Chimbadzwa
Committee Members
Messrs: D. Sakutombo, T. Muringapi and J. Murapa.

5. RUKWADZANO RWE WADZIMAI

The North Section

Aim: The winning of people to Christ.

Mrewa Center

This group has given £5-0-6d to the bereaved; visited the sick; given £6-7-9d to aid the sick; furnished mealie mealie to those in need; helped in collecting £10 for foundation of Pastor's house; given £18 for buying door; conducted prayer services for the sick; and helped with the field work of our women who were sick. We have 96 full members.

Mrewa West Circut

We have provided clothing for a destitute woman and two handicapped girls. We have given mealies to a man with leprosy, and money to a sick mubvuwi. Total membership is 165.

Headlands

Many people renewed the strength of their Christian faith in a revival meeting held at Chiduku. To many old people in the village, we gave mealie mealie and fire wood. We cultivated the field for our demonstrator who was burned.

Salisbury: The Rukwadzano Rwe Vadzimai visits the patients at the General Hospital in Salisbury, praying with them every Sunday. £2-16-6d was given to parents to help meet their needs; £2-9-0d was contributed to the beveaved. This year they gave 14 napkins to the Nyadiri orphans.

Mtoko-Mudzonga Station: We were very pleased to receive new members in our group. We helped the wife of the headman, during her illness by reaping her rupoko. We also made repairs on teachers' houses.

Nyadiri Center. We share the common goal of helping others. Our members visited those who were sick, to have prayers with them, and to help them in their field work. Members also visited those who do not believe in Jesus Christ, comforted the bereaved, and encouraged those who were old to get in touch with Jesus. The amount of money used for these purposes was £6-3-0. We helped orphans with the products of our fields at the harvest time.

The Nyadiri Women's Club was organized about a year ago. They have had classes in cooking, sewing, and crafts, making things both for themselves and for others. Nyadiri

Circuit: In our circuit we have 95 full members, 8 leaders and 45 class meeting leaders. In our churches we have selected groups for visiting the sick people, and for ministering to the needs of elderly people, praying for both groups. Offerings for the sick totalled 18/-. Nyadiri East: We helped five crippled men by giving them clothing. We also furnishied for various needy people who are not members of the church.

Report of the Rukwadzano Annual Meeting Held at Manyika, Nyadiri District, July 26-29, 1956.

We thank God for making it possible to have such a big gathering of women at one place. Many people surrendered their lives to Jesus, and many were converted for He was near us through the whole meeting.

There were 60 people who were converted at this meeting. The total number present on the closing Sunday was 11,061. There were 1,390 who took Communion. A collection of £29 was taken, and £18 was shared with 144 widows who were there. Special collections of 14/6 each were taken for an old woman and a crippled boy who were present.

All the people present wish to express their thanks to the following ones who contributed to the success of the meeting: to the Chairman; to Mrs. S. Chieza for the work she has; done to Miss Tubbs for providing the loud speaker and for the inspiring prayers; to Mrs. Jones who took time from her work with the clinics to prepare a health talk; for surely we know that people are better able to worship God with all their heart if bodies are healthy.

Newly elected officers for the North Section of the Rukwadzano are:

Chairwoman: Mrs. W. Mandisodza; Vice Chairwoman Mrs. A. Kajese; Secretary: Mrs. J. Chitombo; Assistant secretary: Mrs. K. Choto.

The Southern Section

All branches report may visits to the sick in soul and body, and other helps to widows, orphans, and old people.

Mutambara District, Rukwadzano reports £2 given for the Minister's house; one pound spent in helping sick people; two blankets bought for two old and sick men; and bricks made for the church in Chakohwa Circuit. A Chicken was given to Rev. and Mrs Eriksson as gift of greeting.

Mutasa District reports that £1-10-8d was given to a paralized woman, Marara put up a building of 3 rooms.

Maranke District reports £13 given for the Teachers' house at Matanda, £1 for the minister's house at Mutsago, £10 for

the roof of the old dormitory at Mt. Makomwe, £2 spent for the bricks and bereaved.

From Annual Convention £6-3-0½ toward the baby Fold; 10s- to a lame boy; 10s- to Mai Chimonyo; £2-9-0 to Rev. Zuze for travel to our Annual Convention; £1-13 to Mai P. Chieza for visiting our members in Bulawayo; £7-16-1d to Ngariende £10- towards Salisbury Church; £26 from last year to August, 1956 was spent to provide a **Nurse at Chikwizo.**

Resolutions:

1. We, the Executive Committee of Rukwadzano Rwe Vadzimai, Southern Section deplore the condition now existing in our Methodist Boarding Schools where children of members of our church fail to secure positions as students and these positions given to children of members of Non-Methodists.
We therefore, humbly request the heads concerned to give this matter their serious thought.

2. We would like to thank our Conference again for setting aside Mufundisi Tubbs for the women's Bible School. It is really a great help to our Christians. It encourages family prayers plus the reading and understanding oft he Bible.

Southean Section Officers
Chairman: Mrs. T. Maranke.
Secretary: Mrs. M. Muparutsa.
Treasurer: Mrs. E. Jangano.

G. SPECIAL REPORTS

1. Constitution of Epworth Theological College and Old Umtali Biblical Institute.
2. Curriculum for College and Institute.

CONSTITUTION OF EPWORTH THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE, AND OLD UMTALI BIBLICAL INSTITUTE, SOUTHERN RHODESIA.

1. Name of the College
The College shall be called "Epworth Theological College", and shall be situated on the Epworth Estate near Salisbury.

2. Name of the Institute
The Institute shall be called "Old Umtali Biblical Institute", and shall be situated at Old Umtali.

3. Object of the College and Institute
The object of the College and Institute shall be
(a) To train candidates for the Ministry.
(b) To train candidates for the work of Evangelists and other full time lay workers.
(c) To train voluntary lay workers.

4. Promoters of the College and Institute
(a) The Methodist Church of Great Britain as represented

by the Synod of the Southern Rhodesia District (hereinafter referred to as "the Synod")

(b) The Methodist Church with headquarters in New York as represented by the Rhodesian Conference (hereinafter referred to as "Conference")

5. Statement of belief

The following statement of belief shall be the basis for the Theological teaching in the College and the Institute:-

We claim and cherish our place in the Holy Catholic Church which is the Body of Christ. We rejoice in the inheritance of the Apostolic Faith and loyally accept the fundamental principles of the historic creeds and of the Protestant Reformation. We have been called to spread Scriptural Holiness throughout the land by the proclamation of the Evangelical Faith and declare our unfaltering resolve to be true to our Divinely appointed mission. We hold the doctrines of the Evangelical Faith based upon the Divine revelation recorded in the Holy Scriptures. We acknowledge this revelation as the supreme rule of faith and practice.

6. Worship

The official corporate worship of the College and Institute shall be under the direction of the respective Principals and staffs, who shall bear in mind the co-operative character of the College and Institute and shall arrange for the regular use of the hymn books and rituals of the founding branches of the Church. Opportunity shall be provided where possible for each student to conduct Divine Service according to the usage of his own branch of the Church, due regard being paid to the arrangements made for the corporate worship and the general order and discipline of the College.

7. Theological Training Council

(a) The College and Institute shall be under the direction and control of a Theological Training Council which shall consist of the Bishop of the Conference and Chairman of the Synod (both ex officio) the Principals of the College and of the Institute (both ex officio) except when questions affecting the Principals personally are under discussion and seven representatives each of the Conference and the Synod elected by them respectively namely, (i) Two European Ministers, (ii) Two African Ministers, (iii) One African Layman, (iv) One European Layman and (v) One Woman Worker making a total membership of eighteen.

(b) The Representatives shall each be elected for a

term of three years, and shall be eligible for re-election. In the first instance two of the representatives from the Synod and two from the Conference shall be elected for two years only and two of the representatives from each shall be elected for one year only. In the event of a representative ceasing to act before the expiration of the period for which he or she was elected a substitute to act for the remainder of the period shall be appointed by the Conference or the Synod as the case may be, either in full session, or on its behalf by its normal procedure in emergencies.

(c) The Council shall be presided over alternately by the Bishop and the Chairman, and shall appoint a Secretary from among its members. Eight members of the Council shall form a quorum, provided there are four present from each of the two branches. The chairman of the meeting shall have his deliberative vote.

(d) The Council shall meet once in every year and more often if necessary. It shall be the duty of the chairman of the last meeting to call the next meeting of the Council.

8. Staff

(a) The staff shall be appointed in equal numbers, so far as possible, by the Synod and the Conference, the first appointments being one European Minister and one African Minister each by the Conference and the Synod to the College, and one European Minister and one African Minister each to the Institute. The Council shall from time to time make recommendations to the Synod and the Conference concerning changes in or increases or reductions of the staff.

(b) The Council shall appoint the Principals of the College and of the Institute from among the respective staffs except that the first appointments shall be made by the Conference and the Synod.

(c) The Council may with the prior approval of the appointing powers of the Synod and of the Conference appoint members of staff from other Churches.

9. Students

(a) Students for the College shall be selected for training by the Conference and the Synod in accordance with their respective rules for the acceptance of candidates for the Ministry, and students for the Institute in accordance with their respective rules for the acceptance of Evangelist candidates. In addition, students for the other lay workers' courses shall be selected by the Synod and the Conference according to the nature of the particular course.

(b) The Staff may admit students from Churches on a list approved by the Council selected by those Churches in accordance with their own rules for acceptance so far as facilities permit.

(c) The College and Institute shall be coeducational and interracial.

(d) The Principals in consultation with their Staffs shall have full authority in all disciplinary matters except as provided for in section (e) next following.

(e) The College and Institute shall have the responsiblity of notifying the participating Churches when their candidates are unable to maintain a proper standard of work after admission or whose continued presence at the College or Institute is otherwise undesirable and shall have power to suspend such a student but dismissal shall only be after consultation with the Church recommending him or her.

10. Property

(a) The land used by the College and by the Institute shall remain the property of the present owners. The two branches shall hold for the use of the College and Institute respectively the buildings and other improvements now existing at each places.

(b) The management to the properties used by the College and the Institute shall be vested in the Council.

(c) The Council shall be responsible for the preparation of plans and financial cchemes for any further buildings which may be required and shall present them direct to Conference and Synod for approval with a request for the provision of the necessary funds.

11. Finance

(a) The capital cost of new buildings and equipment shall be borne jointly by the Synod and the Conference. The Council shall seek gifts from foundations and individuals for this capital cost and for endowment provided that no gift shall be accepted which is made on conditions which embarrass the Conference or the Synod.

(b) The allowances for staff from overseas shall be paid by the branch of the Church to which they belong. The allowances for locally recruitee staff shall be paid by the Council as part of the current expenditure. The amount certified by the Council from time to time as required for current expenditure, after the payments provided for in clause 12, shall be met equally by the Synod and the Conference.

(c) Principals shall be responsible to the Council for the accounts of the College and the Institute respectively but the Council shass be at liberty to appoint a Treasurer or Treasurers from among its members to assist the Principals or either of them if it so desire.

(d) The accounts of the College and of the Institute shall be closed on May 31st each year and audited annually by auditors appointed by the Council, after which the accounts together with the auditors' reports shall be presented to the Conference and to the Synod.

12. Fees

(a) The Council shall from time to calculate a sum which represents the average annual boarding costs of a student at the College and a sum which represents the average boarding cost of a student attedeng a particular course at the Institute and the amounts so calculated shall be paid by the Synod and the Conference calculated shall be paid by the Synod and the Conference respectively for each student sent by them to lhe College or to the course at the Institute.

(b) The Council shall from time to time calculate a sum which represents the average total annual cost of a student at the College and a sum which represents the average total annual cost of each student attending a particular course at the Institute and the amounts so calculated shall be paid by the Churhces sending students under clause 9 (b) for each student sent by them to the College or to the course at the Institute.

13. Curriculum

(a) The original curriculum shall be that approved by the Conference and the Synod. Revisions may be made by the Council on advice offered at any time by the Principals and staffs of the College and Institute respectively or on the findings of any Committee appointed by the Council for that purpose.

(b) The Council shall make arrangements with the University College of Rhodesia and Nyasaland for suitably qualified students of the Epworth Theological College to read for degrees in subjects integrated with their Theological training, care being taken to ensure that those reading for for degrees and those not reading for gegrees live as one undivided community in the Epworth Theological College.

14. Extension

In fulfiment of the intention that the work of the College and Institute shall extend to other Churches such

other Churches who desire to participate in the work of the Theological Training Council may do so upon such trem and conditions as shall be negotiated with them subject to the consent of the Conference and the Synod.

15. Dissolution

If at any time it shall apear to the Council that the object of the College and or the Institute cannot usefully be continued and the Council by the majority of its total membership shall pass a resolution to that effect such resolution shall be reported to the Synod and the Conference in their next annual sessions and if ratified by one or both of them the affairs of the College and or the Institute as a joint College and or joint Institute shall be wound up, provided always that the dissolution shall not take place until the students then in residence shall have competed their course. The buildings which have been provided jointly shall together with all the equipment be valued at current rates and the total value after the payment of all debts liabilities and expenses, shall be shared according to the proportion of the contributions made for their provision the value of the buildings retained by a branch on its land being reckoned on account of its share of the settlement, the final adjustment being made by a cash settlement.

16. Alterations to the Constitution.

Alterations to this Constitution may be made if the Synod and the Conference both agree to the amendment proposed.

Joint Theological Committee
April 10th and 11th, 1956.

CURRICULUM

Introduction

The following paragraphs are extracted from a letter written by Dr. I. Harold DeWolf concerning the draft Curriculum:-

"Everyone reading proposals for the Epworth curriculum is likely to find some unfamilar aspects. A member of Conference may suppose that this is due to its being a Synod curriculum. But members of the Synod will know that it is not and may suppose it to be a Conference curriculum. That would be equally mistaken. Actually, the Subcommittee tried to lay aside preconceptions brought from other lands and consider the needs of African churches in as fresh and creative a way as possible.

All recommendations were adopted by unanimous agreement. At the end, several persons expressed the belief that the courses of study being recommended for both schools were

better than any individual or either delegation alone could have devised. I believe that the whole experience illustrated the values which can be achieved by Synod and Conference cooperating and learning from each other in a common search for better ways of performing the tasks which God has given to the churches of this region.

May God grant to us all the courage and wisdom to match this high hour of opportunity."

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COURSE OF TRAINING FOR MINISTERS
(To be offered at Epworth)

A. Academic Qualifications for Entrance.

J. C. or P. T. L. or equivalent training. The required academic training may not have been wholly formal. The intent of the requirement is to give assurance that the candidate is able to do academic work, in Theological training, at the level indicated. Responsibility for enforcing this requirement shall be vested in the participating churches, as they select candidates for admission to the course.

B. Length of Course; Frequency of Intake.

3 years, commencing in January of each year, with annual intake.

C. Language Medium.

English to be the chief medium of instruction. The vernaculars also to be used, especially in those subjects explicitly concerned with communication of the Christian message to the people (e. g. homiletics and Christian education). Throughout courses in the Bible and Theology special attention shall be devoted to discovering and teaching the proper translation of important terms into the vernaculars.

D. Provision for B.A. Candidates

If the University College of Rhodesia and Nyasaland establishes a department of divinity, then a person admitted to degree candidacy and also to studies in Epworth Theological College would take the divinity subjects provided at the University College, supplemented by some other subjects at Epworth Theological College. After taking the B. A. he would have at least one year of fulltime studies in the Theological College.

E. Cost of Training

Our policy is that no students shall be prevented from completing his studies for purely financial reasons but that an increasing measure of self support shall be expected from

the students in accordance with universal practice.

F. Basic Structure of the Curriculum

The following chart indicates the number of periods per week which the subcommittee recommends for allocation to each general subject, assuming a total of 20 periods per week.

	Term	Old Testament	New Testament	Theology	Church History	Christian Ethics	Music	Sermon	Practical Theol.	English	Total
First Year	a	4	4	4	0	0	1	1	6	1	21
	b	4	4	2	0	2	1	1	6	1	21
	c	4	4	0	0	2	1	1	8	2	21
Second Yr.	a	4	4	3	3	2	1	1	2	1	21
	b	4	4	3	3	2	1	1	2	1	21
	c	4	4	3	3	0	1	1	4	1	21
Third Year	a	4	4	3	3	2	1	1	2	1	21
	b	4	4	3	3	2	1	1	2	1	21
	c	4	4	3	3	0	1	1	4	1	21
Total		36	36	24	18	12	9	9	36	9	189

G. Content to be Included in the Various General Subjects

It is not thought to be desirable to specify subject matter and methods of instruction in such detail that members of the teaching Staff will be unable to do much creative planning of their work. However, the General Joint Committee wisely instructed the Subcommittee on Curriculum to be rather specific. Hence the following recommendations are added to the general outline.

I. NEW TESTAMENT

The New Testament studies of the term should have a warm evangelical note, centering on the person of Jesus Christ.

Throughout the whole course the emphasis should be upon the Message. Students should be acquainted with the existence of the Synoptic relationships and other critical aspects of Bible study, but these must not be allowed a large place in the course. The emphasis must be on the Bible as relevent to preaching and life.

Bible Geography shall be included. There must be special emphasis upon the fact that Palestine is a place and that the Bible story is history. Care must be taken not to neglect the teaching of the book of Revelation.

II. OLD TESTAMENT

In the Old Testament studies, special stress should be laid upon helping the students to understand the significance of the historical process and the unfolding of revelation.

It will not be possible to cover in detail the entire Old Testament. Supplementary courses provided by the churches might well be designed to fill in gaps later.

Care must be taken not to neglect the teaching of the book of Daniel.

The Old Testament should be taught as a rich and relevant source book for contemporary living and for preaching.

Old Testament ethics should be studied in relation to New Testament ethics.

III THEOLOGY

Systematic Theology should not be undertaken until the second year. During the first year there should be a two-term course of orientation. It would provide instruction upon methods of study, how to use the library, introduction to Theological and philosophical terminology and how to reason.

Theological course would lay special emphasis upon the doctrine of man—his destiny, his freedom, his fallen condition, his redemption, the significance of race. The course would include Methodism and its distinctive doctrines. From some of such work in this and other courses non-Methodist students would be excused, on request, for study of their own traditions. The studies in Theology would also deal with apologetics in relation to certain Christian deviations to certain non-Christian faiths, to communism and secularism.

IV CHURCH HISTORY

The six terms allocated to this subject should be divided approximately as follows:

Terms 1 and 2:	To Reformation;
Term 3:	The Reformation;
Term 4:	Methodism;
Term 5:	The Contemporary Church;
Term 6:	The Church in Africa.

It is suggested that in the first weeks of the first course the student might well be helped to feel his involvement in the past of the Church by beginning briefly with the African Church here and now, working outwards in space and backwards in time, before beginning the regular history in proper chronological order.

Church History shall include a study of non-Christian

religions as they have been or are now in contact with the Christian Churches. It shall also include study of the principal branches of the Christian Church and the branches most frequently encountered in this area.

V CHRISTIAN ETHICS

The six terms of work in Christian Ethics shall include instruction on the following subjects:

(a) Principles and foundations of Christian morality;
(b) Home, family, sex and marriage;
(c) Race relations;
(d) Ethics of contemporary social change in Africa;
(e) Relation to African cultures and customs;
(f) Temperance and gambling;
(g) Christian citizenship.

VI PRACTICAL THEOLOGY

The following programme in Practical Theology is recommended:

	Term			
First year	a	Christian Education 4, Homiletics 2.		6 units
	b	Christian Education 4, Homiletics 2.		6 units
	c	Evangelism 3, Homiletics 2, Liturgy Worship 3		8 units
Second yr.	a	Community Leadership	2	2 units
	b	Community Leadership	2	2 units
	c	Pastoral Counselling	4	4 units
Third	a	Church Administration	2	2 units
	b	Church Administration	2	2 units
	c	Church Administration	4	4 units

The subject matter intended under some of the above titles is as follows:

1 Community Leadership
- a. Study of urban and rural problems
- b. Cooperation with Government
- c. Community Aid programme
- d. Training of Leaders
- e. Integration of school and church programmes
- f. First aid
- g. Cooperatives
- h. Care of widows and orphans

2 Church Administration.
- a. Finance
- b. Organizing church and circuit programme
- c. Organizing personal programmes

d. Bookkeeping
e. Church discipline and handbook of rules

3 Christian Education.
a. Teaching classes in Sunday School
b. Teaching classes for preparation of teachers
c. Young people's organizations; clubs; study groups
d. Parent-Teacher associations
e. Confirmation and Catechism classes
f. Leadership training
g. Religious drama
h. Visual aids

II
COURSE FOR WIVES OF MINISTERIAL CANDIDATES

This course will need to be improvised in adaptation to educational status and needs of wives in residence. In general, it should include the following:

Bible 1 period daily
Theology (or expanded catechism)
Programmes and Organization of Women's Work
Christian Home and Family
The Pastor's Wife in Her Parish Relations and Responsibilities
Sewing
Methodism
Christian Education

III
MISSIONARIES IN TRAINING

Arrangements should be made for new missionaries coming to work in this field to take the last year of their training, including language study and regional studies, at the University College of Rhodesia and Nyasaland and the Epworth Theological College, preferably with residence at the latter.

IV
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE OLD UMTALI BIBLICAL INSTITUTE

A. Course of Training for Evangelists, Approved Supply Pastors and Deaconesses.

1. Academic Qualifications for Entrance Minimum Standard V.

2. Length of Course; Frequency of Intake.

Two years. Intake of students once in two years. Exception: Evangelist-Teacher Candidates shall be accepted every year for one year of training.

3. Students to be in Residence, with their families.
4. Usual Expectation of Graduates.
Full-time work for the Churches.

5. Curriculum.
All subjects to be taken throughout the six terms, as follows:

Old Testament 4 periods per week; New Testament 5; Theology (or Expanded Catechism) 3; Ethics (with stress on practical applications) 2; Music 1; Church History (including study of Methodism and of the various present denominations and sects) 2; Sermon 1; Pastoral Theology 8; the total being 26 periods weekly.

6. Recruitment of Evangelists.
Candidates for this course may include: Teacher-evangelists; young men signed on for a five-years term of service; older men retired from other work, such as the police force or teaching; men called to full-time work but lacking some educational qualifications for the ministry.

7. Recruitment of deaconesses to be principally from widows.

8. Adaptation of course for deaconesses.
Instead of Pastoral Theology, designed for evangelists and approved supply pastors, deaconesses to take special instruction for work they are to do.

9. Wives of Students.
Arrangements shall be made for the suitable training of the wives of students in residence.

B. Courses for Lay Workers.

1. General Conception of These Courses.
   a. Short-time perhaps 2 weeks to 3 months.
   b. Curriculum planned according to need.
   c. Continuous year-round series of programmes, planned according to suggestions from the participating churches.
   d. Students at Old Umtali accommodated in dormitories.
   e. Many courses could not be held at Old Umtali itself. Members of Staff would need to itinerate, offering courses in various circuits and districts.

2. Courses to be Included.
   a. Local Preachers.
   b. Religious Education workers.
   c. Rukwadzano Leaders. (Workers Among Women)

d. Class Leaders.

e. Refresher Courses for Full-time Workers.

f. Stewards and Other Lay Officers of the Churches.

g. Religious Journalism and Literature.

h. Men's Organizations.

C. Other Services Which Might be Rendered by School at OLD UMTALI.

1. Offering of Correspondence Courses in Bible and other Subjects, for Laymen.

2. Serving as base for a book van to sell Christian literature throughout the entire area.

3. Developing short Bible courses for Laymen into a Bible School which might keep some Laymen in residence for periods of several months.

D. Language Medium.

The medium of instruction shall be adapted to the needs of the students, and this shall be borne in mind by the appointive powers in selecting staff, with due attention to the variety of languages spoken in the whole area served.

Sub-Committee proposals adopted with some additions by the Joint Theological Committee 10th and 11th April, 1956.

Parts VIII and IX will not be printed in this Journal but will be in the Journal of 1957.

Sections (b) and (c) of the Historical Record will be printed in the Journal of 1957.

Part XI Pastoral Record, will be printed in the Journal of 1957.

Part X
HISTORICAL.
(a) Conference Sessions.

EAST CENTRAL AFRICA MISSION CONFERENCE

TIME	PLACE	BISHOP	SECRETARY
1901, Nov. 16	Umtali and Old Umtali	Hartzell	Springer
1903, Sept. 29	Umtali	Hartzell	Beetham
1905, May 26	Umtali	Hartzell	Ferris
1907, Mar. 13	Umtali	Hartzell, Burt	Ferris
1907, Nov. 22	Umtali	Hartzell	Ferris
1909, July 10	Umtali	Hartzell	Greeley
1910, Aug. 17	Umtali	Hartzell	Greeley
1911, June 7	Umtali	Hartzell, Wilson	Gurney
1912, Feb. 17	Old Umtali	Rev. J. R. Gates	O'Farrell
1913, Oct. 22	Old Umtali	Hartzell	Greeley

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1915, Jan. 20	Old Umtali	Hartzell	Greeley
1916, Feb. 16	Old Umtali	(Rev. J. R. Gates)	Greeley
1917, May 3	Old Umtali	Johnson	Greeley
1917, Dec. 7	Old Umtali	Johnson	J. R. Gates
1919, April 4	Umtali	Johnson	Gurney
1921, June 13	Old Umtali	Johnson	James
1922, June 14	Old Umtali	Johnson	James
1923, June 19	Old Umtali	Shepard	James
1924, Aug 13	Old Umtali	Johnson	James
1925, June 25	Old Umtali	Johnson	Wagner
1926, Nov 4	Nyadiri	Johnson	R. C. Gates
1927, June 14	Old Umtali	Johnson	Murphree
1928, Sept 10	Old Umtali	Johnson	Murphree
1929, July 3	Old Umtali	Johnson	Murphree
1930, July 9	Mutambara	Johnson	Murphree

RHODESIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

1931, July 8	Mrewa	Johnson	Sells
1932, Sept 28	Old Umtali	Johnson	Sells
1933, June 14	Old Umtali	Johnson	Sells
1934, June 13	Old Umtali	Johnson	Sells
1935, July 9	Old Umtali	Springer	Adkins
1936, Dec. 6	Old Umtali	Springer	Sells
1937, Oct. 6	Nyadiri	Springer	Sells
1938, Oct. 5	Old Umtali	Springer	Sells
1939, Nov. 8	Old Umtali	Springer	Sells

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1939, Nov. 10	Old Umtali	Springer	Sells
1940. July 24	Mrewa	Springer	Sells
1941, Sept. 2	Old Umtali	Springer	Sells
1942, Sept. 1	Mutambara	Springer	Sells
1943, Aug. 31	Old Umtali	Springer	Sells
1944, Sept. 5	Old Umtali	Booth	Sells
1945, Aug. 21	Nyadiri	Booth	Sells
1946, Aug. 22	Old Umtali	Booth	Sells
1947, Aug. 25	Old Umtali	Booth	Fuller
1948, Aug. 23	Old Umtali	Booth	Fuller
1949, Aug. 25	Old Umtali	Booth	Sells
1950, Aug. 23	Old Umtali	Booth	Sells
1951, Aug. 19	Old Umtali	Booth	Sells
1952, Aug. 19	Old Umtali	Booth	Sells
1933, Aug. 16	Old Umtali	Booth	Sells
1954, Aug. 15	Old Umtali	Booth	Sells
1955. Agu. 14	Old Umtali	Booth	Hassing
1956, Aug. 29	Old Umtali	Booth	Sells

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STATISTICAL REPORT
HONDE DISTRICT

WORKERS (*1)	Honde	Gatsi	Mupa-rutsa	Mande-ya	Zindi	Total
1. Members of Conference	1					1
2. On Trial						
3. Missionaries						
4. Other Missionary Workers						
5. Approved Supply Pastors	2	1				3
6. Other Christian Life Workers	3		1	1		5
7. Volunteer Workers	6	5	2	1	1	15
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY						
8. Baptized Children Under 12	93	51	4		5	153
9. Enrolled Beginners	20	40	19	12	10	101
10. Preparatory Members	6	20	13	4	4	47
11. Total on Probation (8, 9, 10)	119	111	36	16	19	301
12. Full Members Enrolled	172	52	29	10	7	270
13. Christian Families	33	14	8	5	4	64
14 Members of Men's Society	25	13	3	2	1	44
15. Members of Women's Society	36	16	19	5	4	80
16 Members in Methodist Youth Fellowship						
17. Number of Preaching Places	3	1	3	1	2	10
18. Sunday Schools (Number)	5	2	2	1	1	11
19. Teachers and Officers in S. S.	9	5	2	1	1	18
20 Pupils in S.S.	400	80	50	30	30	590
21. Average Attendance at S.S.						
PASTORAL ACTIVITIES this year (5)						
22. Children Baptized	11	3	4			18
23. Adult Baptized	32	10	8	2	4	56
24. Beginners Received						
25. Preparatory Members Received	16	4	6	4	4	34
26. Full Members Received from Probation	32	10	8	2	4	56
27. Full Members Received by Transfer	5	2				7
28. Full Members Removed by Transfer	30	12	1			43
29. Full Members Died	1					1
30. Christian Marriages Peformed	3	3	1			7
EDUCATIONAL						
31. Number of Schools						
32 Teachers						
33. Students (As Below)						
A. Male						
B. Female						
C. Total Students						
34. Finance—Ednl. (As Below)						
A. Total Receipts for Teachers' Support						
B. Total Teachers' Support						
C. Local Receipts for Other Purposes						

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	Honde	Gatsi	Mupa-rutsa	Mande-ya	Zindi	Total
D. Subsidies						
E. Total Expenditures—Ednl. Depts.						
F. Receipts for Buildings						
MEDICAL						
35. Numbers of Units (As Below)						
A. Hospital						
B. Dispensaries or Treatment Centres	1					1
C. Maternity Centres or Depts.	1					1
36. Medical Staff						
A. Doctors						
B. Nurses	1					1
C. Nurses in Training	2					2
D. Others	1					1
37. Patients (As Below)						
A. Hospitalised						
B. Clinic Patients						
C. Daily Treatments						
38. Finances—Medical						
A Receipts from Fees and Local Gifts						
B. Subsidies						
C. Total Expenditures—Medical Dept						
CHURCH FINANCES						
39. Ministerial Support	£28	£7	£11	£5	£1	£52
A. Pastors						
B. District Superintendents						
C. Episcopal Fund						
40. Conference Claimants						
41. Annual Conference Administration						£10
42. Central Conference Fund						
43. General Conference Administration						
44. Interdenominational Co operation Fund						
45. Benevolences (As Below)						
A Ngariende						
B Educational Loan Fund						
C. Other Benevolences	Gifts	from	Bishop	Booth	for gos	pel £44
46 Buildings and Repairs						
47 Other Purposes						
48 Total Contr. of the Local Churches (39-47)						£106
49 Total Church Expenditures						
PROPERTIES						
50 Number of Church Buildings (As Below)						
A Permanent	1					1
B. Semi-Permanent						
C. Temporary		1	1	1	1	4
51. Number of Pastors' Residences	1	1				2

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MTASA—MAKONI DISTRICT

WORKERS (*1)	Nyaka-tsapa	Ganda-nzara	Penhalonga Mundenda	Old Umtali	Total
1. Members of Conference	3	1	1	6	11
2. On Trial	1				1
3. Missionaries	2			22	24
4. Other Missionary Workers				5	5
5. Approved Supply Pastors					
6. Other Christian Life Workers	2	1		25	28
7. Volunteer Workers	107	90	23	56	276
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY					
8. Baptized Children Under 12	1210	252	815	18	2295
9. Enrolled Beginners	354	157	342	288	1141
10. Preparatory Members	563	81	522	70	1236
11. Total on Probation (8, 9, 10)	2127	490	383	376	3376
12. Full Members Enrolled	978	807	442	600	2827
13. Christian Families	371	128	154	73	726
14. Members of Men's Society	43	44	38	24	149
15. Members of Women's Society	432	314	232	80	1058
16. Members in Methodist Youth Fellowship	278	215	97		590
17. Number of Preaching Places	12	12	110	19	153
18. Sunday Schools (Number)	14	12	108	3	137
19. Teachers and Officers in S. S.	59	49	30	40	178
20 Pupils in S.S.	1025	563	880	900	3368
21. Average Attendance at S.S.	858	465	615	700	2638
PASTORAL ACTIVITIES this year (5)					
22. Children Baptized	162	75	37	18	292
23. Adult Baptized	101	12	93	90	296
24. Beginners Received	128	54	41	40	263
25. Preparatory Members Received	106	27	17	63	213
26. Full Members Received from Probation	83	56	28	63	230
27. Full Members Received by Transfer	18	5	8	30	61
28. Full Members Removed by Transfer	31	5	13	21	70
29. Full Members Died	2	3	4		9
30. Christian Marriages Performed	39	20	8	6	73
EDUCATIONAL					
31. Number of Schools	11	8	6	4	29
32 Teachers	52	47	24	39	162
33. Students (As Below)					
A. Male	644	554	413	621	2232
B. Female	512	502	374	332	1720
C. Total Students	1156	1056	787	952	3951
34. Finance—Ednl. (As Below)					
A. Total Receipts for Teachers' Support	£18				£18
B. Total Teachers' Support	£3391	£3996	£2005	£5000	£14392
C. Local Receipts for Other Purposes	£222	£281	£114	£3080	£3697

MTASA—MAKONI DISTRICT STATISTICAL REPORT

	Nyaka-tsapa	Ganda-nzara	Penhalonga Mundenda	Old Umtali	Total
D. Subsidies	£3800	£4007	£2115	£5817	£15739
E. Total Expenditures—Ednl. Depts.	£4040	£4288	£2229	£10984	£21541
F. Receipts for Buildings					
MEDICAL					
35. Numbers of Units (As Below)					
A. Hospitals				1	1
B. Dispensaries or Treatment Centres				1	1
C. Maternity Centres or Depts.				1	1
36. Medical Staff					
A. Doctors					
B. Nurses				6	6
C. Nurses in Training					
D. Others					
37. Patients (As Below)					
A. Hospitalised				930	930
B. Clinic Patients				1904	1904
C. Daily Treatments					
38. Finances—Medical					
A Receipts from Fees and Local Gifts				£384	£384
B. Subsidies				£595	£595
C. Total Expenditures—Medical Dept.				£2312	£2312
CHURCH FINANCES					
39. Ministerial Support					
A Pastors	£252	£180	£180	£180	£792
B. District Superintendents					
C. Episcopal Fund					
40 Conference Claimants					
41. Annual Conference Administration	£64	£42	£39	£30	£175
42. Central Conference Fund					
43. General Conference Administration					
44. Interdenominational Co operation Fund					
45. Benevolences (As Below)					
A Ngariende	£1	£2		£25	£28
B Educational Loan Fund				£16	£16
C. Other Benevolences				£80	£80
46 Buildings and Repairs		£46		£25	£71
47. Other Purposes				£100	£100
48 Total Contr. of the Local Churches (39-47)	£317	£222			£539
49 Total Church Expenditures	£317	£222	£219		£758
PROPERTIES					
50. Number of Church Buildings (As Below)					
A. Permanent	1	7	4	3	15
B. Semi-Permanent	9	10	3	2	24
C. Temporary	2	5	4	1	12
51. Number of Pastors' Residences	2	1	1	1	5

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MARANGE—CIDUKU DISTRICT

WORKERS (*1)	Ciduku N	Ciduku S	Marange N	Makomwe	Marange S	Total
1. Members of Conference	3	1	1	2		8
2. On Trial					1	1
3. Missionaries						2
4. Other Missionary Workers						
5. Approved Supply Pastors	1	1	1			3
6. Other Christian Life Workers		2				2
7. Volunteer Workers	108	56	68		89	321
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY						
8. Baptized Children Under 12	233	175	402	129	230	1169
9. Enrolled Beginners	209	180	165	1504	354	2412
10. Preparatory Members	260	84	156	93	176	769
11. Total on Probation (8, 9, 10)	702	321	723	1726	760	4232
12. Full Members Enrolled	842	367	602	323	267	2401
13. Christian Family	205	310	137	135	101	888
14. Members of Men's Society	56	27	37	25	16	161
15. Members of Women's Society	296	131	253	121	114	918
16. Members in Methodist Youth Fellowship	9	173	19	18	22	231
17. Number of Preaching Places		5			7	12
18. Sunday Schools (Numbers)	9	4	16	18	14	61
19. Teachers and Officers in S. S.	25	42	46	48		161
20. Pupils in S. S.	663	622	922	1296		3503
21. Average Attendance at S. S.	405	477	784	1120		2786
PASTORAL ACTIVITIES this year (5)						
22. Children Baptized	72	21	79	17	13	202
23. Adult Baptized	79	41	57	17	25	219
24. Beginners Received	40	20	30	4	232	326
25. Preparatory Members Received	98	21	50	11	52	232
26. Full Members Received from Probation	153	28	43	17	25	266
27. Full Members Received by Transfer	29	5	17	13	2	66
28. Full Members Removed by Transfer	49	6	23	7	0	85
29. Full Members Died	6	3	6	4	0	19
30. Christian Marriages Performed	23	2	20	20	5	70
EDUCATIONAL						
31. Number of Schools	5	4	9	9	5	32
32. Teachers	25	19	41	38	21	144
33. Student (As Below)						
A. Male	396	344	735	737	476	2688
B. Female	407	302	711	615	383	2418
C. Total Students	803	646	1446	1352	859	5106
34. Finances—Ednl. (As Below)						
A. Total Receipts for Teachers Support						
B. Total Teachers' Support						£11400
C. Local Receipts for Other Purposes						

MARANGE—CIDUKU STATISTICAL REPORT

	Ciduku N	Ciduku S	Marange N	Makomwe	Marange S	Total
D. Subsidies						£600.0.0
E. Total Expenditures—Ednl. Depts.						£12000.0.0
F. Receipts for Buildings	£300.0.0	£72. 4. 0	£970.0.0	£1410.0.0	£385.0.0	£3137. 4. 0
MEDICAL						
35. Number of Units (As Below)						
A. Hospitals						
B. Dispensaries or Treatment Centres						
C. Maternity Centres or Depts.						
36. Medical Staff						
A. Doctors						
B. Nurses						
C. Nurses in Training						
D. Others						
37. Patients (As Below)						
A. Hospitalised						
B. Clinic Patients						
C. Daily Treatments						
38. Finances—Medical						
A. Receipts from Fees and Lacal Gifts						
B. Subsidies						
C. Total Expenditures—Medical Dept.						
CHURCH FINANCES						
39. Ministerial Support						
A. Pastors	£180	£113	£173	£110	£90	£666
B. District Superintendents	£5	£2	£3	£2	£1	£13
C. Episcopal Fund	£2	£2	£2	£1	£1	£8
40. Conference Claimants	£29	£17	£20	£1	£13	£80
41. Annual Conference Administration	£1	£1	£1	£4		£7
42. Central Conference Fund	£8	£4	£5	£1	£2	£20
43. General Conference Adn.inistration	£6	£1	£1	£1		£9
44. Interdenominational Co-operation Fund						
45. Benevolences (As Below)						
A. Ngariende	£2				£2	£4
B. Educational Loan Fund						
C. Other Benevolences	£5	£8	£11			£24
46. Building and Repairs		£452	£1175			£1627
47. Other Purposes		£29				£29
48. Total Contr. of the Local Churches (39 47)	£238	£629	£1391	£120	£109	£2487
49. Total Church Expenditures						
PROPERTIES						
50. Number of Church Buildings (As Below)						
A. Permanet	3	6	5		1	15
B. Semi-permanent	6	22				28
C. Temporary	4	6	2		6	18
Number of Pastors' Residences	1	2	1			4

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MREWA DISTRICT

WORKERS (*1)	Mrewa Centre	Head-lands	Chikore Tanda	Mrewa W	Mrewa E	Mrewa N	Mrewa S	Total
1. Members of Conference	2	1	1		1	2	1	8
2. On Trial				1				1
3. Missionaries	6							6
4. Other Missionary Workers								
5. Approved Supply Pastors		2		1	1	2		6
6. Other Christian Life Workers								
7. Volunteer Workers	16	10	47	101	9	55	20	258
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY								
8. Baptized Children Under 12	108	143	56	63	321	137	199	1027
9. Enrolled Beginners	137	281	88	364	276	336	186	1668
10. Preparatory Members	84	128	87	145	75	123	202	844
11. Total on Probation (8, 9, 10)	329	552	231	572	672	596	587	3539
12. Full Members Enrolled	290	511	208	142	631	381	305	2468
13. Christian Families	27	101	46	117	114	72	90	568
14. Members of Men's Society	10	28	21	7	28	30	20	144
15. Members of Women's Society	90	162	77	54	165	142	136	826
16. Members in Methodist Youth Fellowship	25	24	40	25	98	52	45	309
17. Number of Preaching Places	3	10	7	11	13	8	8	60
18. Sunday Schools (Number)	2	10	7	6	20	8	15	68
19. Teachers and Officers in S. S.	28	39	28	31	47	60	57	290
20. Pupils in S.S.	395	834	461	400	1037	857	798	4782
21. Average Attendance at S.S.	324	417	203	204	961	429	620	3158
PASTORAL ACTIVITIES this year (5)								
22. Children Baptized	20	36	7	9	91	50	16	229
23. Adult Baptized	37	17	14	81	82	41	12	284
24. Beginners Received	43		72		129	175	62	481
25. Preparatory Members Received	39	100	13	15	50	43	40	300
26. Full Members Received from Probation	30	22	11	110	66	62	10	311
27. Full Members Received by Transfer	13	13	7	20	24	10	4	91
28. Full Members Removed by Transfer	28	18	3	9	7	4	11	80
29. Full Members Died	2	1	1		4	3	2	13
30. Christian Marriages Performed	3	13	8	11	9	6	7	57
EDUCATIONAL								
31. Number of Schools	2	4	2	8	11	7	5	39
32 Teachers	25	13	10	32	34	33	24	171
33. Students (As Below)								
A. Male								
B. Female								
C. Total Students	723	440	374	1136	1294	1165	874	6006
34. Finance—Ednl. (As Below)								
A. Total Receipts for Teachers' Support								
B. Total Teachers' Support	£3300	£983	£765	£2320	£2561	£2365	£1886	£10880
C. Local Receipts for Other Purposes								

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	Mrewa Centre	Head-lands	Chikore Tanda	Mrewa W	Mrewa E	Mrewa N	Mrewa S	Total
D. Subsidies								
E. Total Expenditures—Ednl. Depts.								
F. Receipts for Buildings								
MEDICAL								
35. Numbers of Units (As Below)								
A. Hospitals								
B. Dispensaries or Treatment Centres								
C. Maternity Centres or Depts.								
36. Medical Staff								
A. Doctors								
B. Nurses								
C. Nurses in Training								
D. Others								
37. Patients (As Below)								
A. Hospitalised								
B. Clinic Patients								
C. Daily Treatments								
38. Finances—Medical								
A. Receipts from Fees and Local Gifts								
B. Subsidies								
C. Total Expenditures—Medical Dept.								
CHURCH FINANCES								
39. Ministerial Support								
A Pastors	£145	£78	£40	£174			£83	£520
B. District Superintendents		£3	£1	£2	£6	£3	£2	£17
C. Episcopal Fund		£1	£1	£3	£2	£2	£2	£11
40 Conference Claimants		£3	£2	£3	£7	£3	£2	£20
41. Annual Conference Administration		£1			£1	£1		£3
42. Central Conference Fund		£5	£2	£3	£10	£4	£3	£27
43. General Conference Administration								
44. Interdenominational Co operation Fund								
45. Benevolences (As Below)								
A. Ngariende	£2		£3	£5	£9			£19
B Educational Loan Fund			£3		£1			£4
C. Other Benevolences			£1		£83			£84
46 Buildings and Repairs			£1		£368			£369
47. Other Purposes			£3					£3
48 Total Contr. of the Local Churches (39-47)	£147	£91	£57	£190	£487	£13	£92	£1077
49 Total Church Expenditures								
PROPERTIES								
50. Number of Church Buildings (As Below)								
A. Permanent	1	2			1	1	1	6
B. Semi-Permanent		2	2	7	8	3	3	25
C. Temporary			2				1	3
51. Number of Pastors' Residences	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	6

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WORKERS (*1)	South	East	North	Chikwizo	Total
1. Members of Conference	2	1			3
2. On Trial			1	1	2
3. Missionaries					
4. Other Missionary Workers	1				1
5. Approved Supply Pastors	1				1
6. Other Christian Life Workers					
7. Volunteer Workers	22		40		62
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY					
8. Baptized Children Under 12	39	47	7	30	123
9. Enrolled Beginners	1604	351	1185	92	3232
10. Preparatory Members	186	161	138	63	548
11. Total on Probation (8, 9, 10)	1829	559	1330	185	3903
12. Full Members Enrolled	256	257	117	22	652
13. Christian Family	56	64	41	5	166
14. Members of Men's Society	24	46	25	10	105
15. Members of Women's Society	131	198	176	30	535
16. Members in Methodist Youth Fellowship	54	68	60	120	302
17. Number of Preaching Places	9	10	4	5	31
18. Sunday Schools (Numbers)	7	9	11	5	32
19. Teachers and Officers in S. S.	82	63	44	20	209
20. Pupils in S. S.	1864	1862	1497	391	5614
21. Average Attendance at S. S.	1530	12.5	1069	342	4156
PASTORAL ACTIVITIES this year (5)					
22. Children Baptized	27	16	8	5	56
23. Adult Baptized	23	30	18	5	76
24. Beginners Received	539	175	508	122	1344
25. Preparatory Members Received	96	68	23	17	204
26. Full Members Received from Probation	42	31	19	5	97
27. Full Members Received by Transfer	9	9	1	2	21
28. Full Members Removed by Transfer	8	5	9		22
29. Full Members Died	1	1			2
30. Christian Marriages Performed	8	17	5	2	32
EDUCATIONAL					
31. Number of Schools	6	9	11	5	31
32. Teachers	42	34	27	7	110
33. Student (As Below)					
A. Male	999	874	705	241	2819
B. Female	712	571	437	60	1780
C. Total Students	1711	1445	1142	301	4599
34. Finances—Ednl. (As Below)					
A Total Receipts for Teachers Support		£72	£146	£32	£250
B. Total Teachers' Support	£3793	£1934	£1171	£245	£7143
C. Local Receipts for Other Purposes	£766	£110	£55	£35	£966

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	South	East	North	Chikwizo	Total
D. Subsidies	£4100	£1865	£1055	£224	£7244
E. Total Expenditures—Ednl. Depts.	£4910	£2074	£1148	£264	£8396
F. Receipts for Buildings	£275	£400	£250		£925
MEDICAL					
35. Number of Units (As Below)					
A. Hospitals					
B. Dispensaries or Treatment Centres					
C. Maternity Centres or Depts.					
36. Medical Staff					
A. Doctors					
B. Nurses					
C. Nurses in Training					
D. Others					
37. Patients (As Below)					
A. Hospitalised					
B. Clinic Patients					
C. Daily Treatments					
38. Finances—Medical					
A. Receipts from Fees and Lacal Gifts				£5	£5
B. Subsidies					
C. Total Expenditures—Medical Dept.					
CHURCH FINANCES					
39. Ministerial Support					
A. Pastors	£254	£162	£89		£505
B. District Superintendents					
C. Episcopal Fund					
40. Conference Claimants					
41. Annual Conference Administration					
42. Central Conference Fund					
43. General Conference Administration					
44. Interdenominational Co-operation Fund					
45. Benevolences (As Below)					
A. Ngariende	£8	£4	£3		£15
B. Educational Loan Fund					
C. Other Benevolences	£1				£1
46. Building and Repairs		£50		£3	£53
47. Other Purposes				£11	£11
48. Total Contr. of the Local Churches (39 47)	£263	£216	£92	£15	£586
49. Total Church Expenditures					
PROPERTIES					
50. Number of Church Buildings (As Below)					
A. Permanet					
B. Semi-permanent	2	9	9	2	22
C. Temporary	5		2	3	10
Number of Pastors' Residences	2	1	1	1	5

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STATISTICAL REPORT
MUTAMBARA DISTRICT

WORKERS (*1)	Mutambara Centre	Nyanyadzi	Mutambara West	Mutambara East	Total
1. Members of Conference	3	1	1	1	6
2. On Trial					
3. Missionaries	8				8
4. Other Missionary Workers					
5. Approved Supply Pastors					
6. Other Christian Life Workers		1			1
7. Volunteer Workers		25			25
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY					
8. Baptized Children Under 12	90	72	199	37	398
9. Enrolled Beginners	150	241	659	593	1643
10. Preparatory Members	124	175	204	205	708
11. Total on Probation (8, 9, 10)	364	488	1059	835	2746
12. Full Members Enrolled	360	167	232	218	977
13. Christian Family	73	33	109	32	247
14. Members of Men's Society	14	11	18	12	55
15. Members of Women's Society	78	58	92	89	317
16. Members in Methodist Youth Fellowship	260	60	42	1	363
17. Number of Preaching Places	2	7	9	7	25
18. Sunday Schools (Numbers)	2	3	15	7	27
19. Teachers and Officers in S. S.	27	28	36	19	110
20. Pupils in S. S.	450	584	1142	390	2566
21. Average Attendance at S. S.	380	486	569	286	1721
PASTORAL ACTIVITIES this year (5)					
22. Children Baptized	7	4	33	18	62
23. Adult Baptized	25	36		6	67
24. Beginners Received	43	41	95	35	212
25. Preparatory Members Received	51	70	67	35	223
26. Full Members Received from Probation	42	38	45	15	140
27. Full Members Received by Transfer	32	5	15	8	60
28. Full Members Removed by Transfer	13	8	1		22
29. Full Members Died		1	1	7	9
30. Christian Marriages Performed	6	8	6		20
EDUCATIONAL					
31. Number of Schools	3	4	6	7	20
32. Teachers	20	18	23	22	83
33. Student (As Below)					
A. Male	323	579	433	392	1727
B. Female	244	298	426	367	1335
C. Total Students	567	877	859	759	3062
34. Finances—Ednl. (As Below)					
A. Total Receipts for Teachers Support					
B. Total Teachers' Support	£2349	£2085	£1810	£1777	£8021
C. Local Receipts for Other Purposes					

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	Mutambara Centre	Nyanyadzi	Mutambara West	Mutambara East	Total
D. Subsidies					
E. Total Expenditures—Ednl. Depts.					
F. Receipts for Buildings					
MEDICAL					
35. Number of Units (As Below)					
A. Hospitals	1				
B. Dispensaries or Treatment Centres	7				
C. Maternity Centres or Depts.	1				
36. Medical Staff					
A. Doctors					
B. Nurses	6				
C. Nurses in Training					
D. Others	12				
37. Patients (As Below)					
A. Hospitalised	1300				
B. Clinic Patients	4601				
C. Daily Treatments	47460				
38. Finances - Medical					
A. Receipts from Fees and Local Gifts	742				
B. Subsidies	1200				
C. Total Expenditures—Medical Dept.	5428				
CHURCH FINANCES					
39. Ministerial Support					
A. Pastors	£180	£152	£140	£139	£611
B. District Superintendents	£7	£2	£3	£6	£18
C. Episcopal Fund	£2	£1	£2	£2	£7
40. Conference Claimants	£8	£6	£7	£7	£28
41. Annual Conference Administration	£1				£1
42. Central Conference Fund	£4	£1	£2	£3	£10
43. General Conference Administration	£4	£1	£1	£3	£9
44. Interdenominational Co-operation Fund					
45. Benevolences (As Below)					
A. Ngariende	£4	£1	£1	£1	£7
B. Educational Loan Fund	£10				£10
C. Other Benevolences					
46. Building and Repairs	£6		£120	£70	£196
47. Other Purposes					
48. Total Contr. of the Local Churches (39 47)	£226	£164	£276	£231	£897
49. Total Church Expenditures					
PROPERTIES					
50. Number of Church Buildings (As Below)					
A. Permanent	1	1	2	3	7
B. Semi-permanent			1	3	4
C. Temporary				1	1
Number of Pastors' Residences	1	1	1	1	4

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STATISTICAL REPORT
NYADIRI DISTRICT

WORKERS (*1)	Nyadiri Center	Nyadiri East	Nyadiri Circuit	Uzumba S	Maramba Pfungwe	Total
1. Members of Conference	1	1	1	1	1	5
2. On Trial	1					1
3. Missionaries	15					15
4. Other Missionary Workers						
5. Approved Supply Pastors			1	1		2
6. Other Christian Life Workers	50					50
7. Volunteer Workers	56	47	40	34	37	214
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY						
8. Baptized Children Under 12	70	62	53	54	71	310
9. Enrolled Beginners	285	1155	478	1141	483	3542
10. Preparatory Members	284	217	259	151	103	1014
11. Total on Probation (8, 9, 10)	639	1524	810	1913	457	5343
12. Full Members Enrolled	508	174	213	277	117	1289
13. Christian Families	64	50	31	49	40	234
14. Members of Men's Society	9	17	13	34	16	89
15. Members of Women's Society	40	56	82	157	33	368
16. Members in Methodist Youth Fellowship	278	782	9	198	191	1458
17. Number of Preaching Places	12	8	8	8	10	46
18. Sunday Schools (Number)	2	8	8	16	11	45
19. Teachers and Officers in S. S.	30	57	59	50	37	233
20. Pupils in S.S.	447	1443	726	1665	733	5014
21. Average Attendance at S.S.	358	1272	680	313	526	3149
PASTORAL ACTIVITIES this year (5)						
22. Children Baptized	8	12	22	22	16	80
23. Adult Baptized	76	27	27	42	28	200
24. Beginners Received	285	365	141	807	68	1666
25. Preparatory Members Received	57	74	84	70	17	302
26. Full Members Received from Probation	76	27	68	24	24	219
27. Full Members Received by Transfer	11	7	21	19	5	63
28. Full Members Removed by Transfer	17	1	24	19	9	70
29. Full Members Died		1	1		1	3
30. Christian Marriages Performed	7	4	6	3		20
EDUCATIONAL						
31. Number of Schools	2	8	7	8	6	31
32 Teachers	24	29	33	37	16	139
33. Students (As Below)						
A. Male	426	702	643	766	383	2920
B. Female	286	426	502	558	153	1925
C. Total Students	712	1128	1145	1324	536	4845
34. Finance—Ednl. (As Below)						
A. Total Receipts for Teachers' Support		£40	£40	£40	£42	£162
B. Total Teachers' Support		£1801	£1801	£1802	£1802	£7206
C. Local Receipts for Other Purposes	£2960	£37	£37	£38	£38	£3110
D. Subsidies	£3962	£1	£1	£1		£3965
E. Total Expenditures—Ednl. Depts.	£7665	£429	£429	£428	£498	£15379
F. Receipts for Buildings	£6092					£6092
MEDICAL						
35. Numbers of Units (As Below)						
A. Hospitals	1					1
B. Dispensaries or Treatment Centres	3				2	5
C. Maternity Centres or Depts.	1					1
36. Medical Staff						
A. Doctors	1					1
B. Nurses	4					4
C. Nurses in Training	28					28
D. Others	5				2	7
37. Patients (As Below)						
A. Hospitalised	3559					3559
B. Clinic Patients	9245			3544		12789
C. Daily Treatments	20978					20978
38. Finances—Medical						
A. Receipts from Fees and Local Gifts	£1027			£85		£1112
B. Subsidies	£3941					£3941
C. Total Expenditures—Medical Dept.	£6304					£6304
CHURCH FINANCES						
39. Ministerial Support						
A. Pastors	£102	£134	£180	£180	£152	£748
B. District Superintendents	£180					£180
C. Episcopal Fund	£2	£1	£1	£1	£1	£6
40. Conference Claimants						£1
41. Annual Conference Administration	£1					£1
42. Central Conference Fund	£4	£1	£2	£2	£1	£10
43. General Conference Administration	£1	£1	£1	£2	£1	£6
44. Interdenominational Co operation Fund						
45. Benevolences (As Below)						
A. Ngariende	£11			£2	£5	£18
B Educational Loan Fund	£18	£2			£2	£22
C. Other Benevolences						
46. Buildings and Repairs		£613		£154	£251	£1048
47. Other Purposes					£3	£3
48 Total Contr. of the Local Churches (39-47	£320	£782	£184	£341	£117	£2044
49. Total Church Expenditures	£207	£207	£207	£207	£207	£1035
PROPERTIES						
50. Number of Church Buildings (As Below)						
A. Permanent		1		1		2
B. Semi-Permanent		7	7	7	5	26
C Temporary			1			1
51. Number of Pastors' Residences	1	1	1	1	1	5

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WORKERS (*1)	St. Andrews	Hilltop	Total
1. Members of Conference	1	3	4
2. On Trial			
3. Missionaries	2	3	5
4. Other Missionary Workers	1		1
5. Approved Supply Pastors	1		1
6. Other Christian Life Workers		2	2
7. Volunteer Workers		60	60
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY			
8. Baptized Children Under 12	361	311	672
9. Enrolled Beginners		100	100
10. Preparatory Members		680	680
11. Total on Probation (8, 9, 10)	361	1091	1452
12. Full Members Enrolled	647	1265	1912
13. Christian Family		875	875
14. Members of Men's Society		82	82
15. Members of Women's Society	40	430	470
16. Members in Methodist Youth Fellowship	42	200	242
17. Number of Preaching Places	7	27	34
18. Sunday Schools (Numbers)	2	4	6
19. Teachers and Officers in S. S.	30	24	54
20. Pupils in S. S.	280	500	780
21. Average Attendance at S. S.	185	350	535
PASTORAL ACTIVITIES this year (5)			
22. Children Baptized	51	200	251
23. Adult Baptized	1	25	26
24. Beginners Received		100	100
25. Preparatory Members Received		89	89
26. Full Members Received from Probation	14	84	98
27. Full Members Received by Transfer	5	16	21
28. Full Members Removed by Transfer	19	76	95
29. Full Members Died		1	1
30. Christian Marriages Performed	14	15	29
EDUCATIONAL			
31. Number of Schools			
32. Teachers			
33. Student (As Below)			
A. Male			
B. Female			
C. Total Students			
34. Finances—Ednl. (As Below)			
A. Total Receipts for Teachers Support			
B. Total Teachers' Support			
C. Local Receipts for Other Purposes			
D. Subsidies			
E. Total Expenditures—Ednl. Depts.			
F. Receipts for Buildings			
MEDICAL			
35. Number of Units (As Below)			
A. Hospitals			
B. Dispensaries or Treatment Centres			
C. Maternity Centres or Depts.			
36. Medical Staff			
A. Doctors			
B. Nurses			
C. Nurses in Training			
D. Others			
37. Patients (As Below)			
A. Hospitalised			
B. Clinic Patients			
C. Daily Treatments			
38. Finances—Medical			
A. Receipts from Fees and Local Gifts			
B. Subsidies			
C. Total Expenditures—Medical Dept.			
CHURCH FINANCES			
39. Ministerial Support			
A. Pastors	£540	£698	£1238
B. District Superintendents		£19	£19
C. Episcopal Fund		£9	£9
40. Conference Claimants			
41. Annual Conference Administration	£15	£5	£20
42. Central Conference Fund		£11	£11
43. General Conference Administration		£8	£8
44. Interdenominational Co-operation Fund			
45. Benevolences (As Below)			
A. Ngariende		£15	£15
B. Educational Loan Fund		£5	£5
C. Other Benevolences	£30	£30	£60
46. Building and Repairs	£629	£100	£729
47. Other Purposes	£440	£600	£1040
48 Total Contr. of the Local Churches (39 47)	£1654	£1500	£3154
49. Total Church Expenditures			
PROPERTIES			
50. Number of Church Buildings (As Below)			
A. Permanent	2	2	4
B. Semi-permanent			
C. Temporary			
Number of Pastors' Residences	1		1

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STATISTICAL REPORT
ZIMUNYA DISTRICT

	Zimunya S	Zimunya N	Total
WORKERS (*1)			
1. Members of Conference	1	1	2
2. On Trial			
3. Missionaries			
4. Other Missionary Workers			
5. Approved Supply Pastors	1	1	2
6. Other Christian Life Workers			
7. Volunteer Workers	67		67
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY			
8. Baptized Children Under 12	239	508	747
9. Enrolled Beginners	144	95	239
10. Preparatory Members	167	208	375
11. Total on Probation (8, 9, 10)	550	811	1361
12. Full Members Enrolled	483	630	1113
13. Christian Family	89	4	93
14. Members of Men's Society	30	6	36
15. Members of Women's Society	175	250	425
16. Members in Methodist Youth Fellowship	80	4	84
17. Number of Preaching Places	11	6	17
18. Sunday Schools (Numbers)	13	11	24
19. Teachers and Officers in S. S.	50	13	63
20. Pupils in S. S.	753	244	997
21. Average Attendance at S. S.	630	189	819
PASTORAL ACTIVITIES this year (5)			
22. Children Baptized	38	55	93
23. Adult Baptized	18	42	60
24. Beginners Received	46		46
25. Preparatory Members Received	50	54	104
26. Full Members Received from Probation	28	13	41
27. Full Members Received by Transfer	7		7
28. Full Members Removed by Transfer	9	45	54
29. Full Members Died	3		3
30. Christian Marriages Performed	10	21	31
EDUCATIONAL			
31. Number of Schools	9	6	15
32. Teachers	38	28	66
33. Student (As Below)			
A. Male	771	521	1292
B. Female	693	479	1172
C. Total Students	1364	1000	2364
34 Finances—Ednl. (As Below)			
A Total Receipts for Teachers Support			
B. Total Teachers' Support	£2904	£2400	£5304
C. Local Receipts for Other Purposes	£212	£162	£374

Figures for Zimunya North are from last year. No report has been received from Rev. Munjoma this year.

	Zimunya S	Zimunya N	Total
D. Subsidies	£387	£280	£667
E. Total Expenditures—Ednl. Depts.	£368	£265	£633
F. Receipts for Buildings			
MEDICAL			
35. Number of Units (As Below)			
A. Hospitals			
B. Dispensaries or Treatment Centres			
C. Maternity Centres or Depts.			
36. Medical Staff			
A. Doctors			
B. Nurses			
C. Nurses in Training			
D. Others			
37. Patients (As Below)			
A. Hospitalised			
B. Clinic Patients			
C. Daily Treatments			
38. Finances - Medical			
A. Receipts from Fees and Local Gifts			
B. Subsidies			
C. Total Expenditures—Medical Dept.			
CHURCH FINANCES			
39. Ministerial Support			
A. Pastors	£143	£127	£270
B. District Superintendents	£3	£3	£6
C. Episcopal Fund	£2	£2	£4
40. Conference Claimants	£1		£1
41. Annual Conference Administration	£5	£6	£11
42. Central Conference Fund			
43. General Conference Administration			
44. Interdenominational Co-operation Fund			
45. Benevolences (As Below)			
A. Ngariende			
B. Educational Loan Fund			
C. Other Benevolences			
46. Building and Repairs			
47. Other Purposes			
48 Total Contr. of the Local Churches (39-47)	£154	£138	£292
49. Total Church Expenditures			
PROPERTIES			
50. Number of Church Buildings (As Below)			
A. Permanent	4	2	6
B. Semi-permanent	4	2	6
C. Temporary	2	1	3
Number of Pastors' Residences	1	1	2

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STATISTICAL REPORT
SALISBURY URBAN AREA

	Salisbury
WORKERS (*1)	
1. Members of Conference	2
2. On Trial	
3. Missionaries	2
4. Other Missionary Workers	
5. Approved Supply Pastors	
6. Other Christian Life Workers	1
7. Volunteer Workers	7
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY	78
8. Baptized Children Under 12	49
9. Enrolled Beginners	435
10. Preparatory Members	562
11. Total on Probation (8, 9, 10)	575
12. Full Members Enrolled	163
13. Christian Families	13
14. Members of Men's Society	45
15. Members of Women's Society	28
16. Members in Methodist Youth Fellowship	6
17. Number of Preaching Places	4
18. Sunday Schools (Number)	28
19. Teachers and Officers in S. S.	377
20. Pupils in S.S.	260
21. Average Attendance at S.S.	
PASTORAL ACTIVITIES this year (5)	
22. Children Baptized	22
23. Adult Baptized	49
24. Beginners Received	15
25. Preparatory Members Received	15
26. Full Members Received from Probation	29
27. Full Members Received by Transfer	209 ?
28. Full Members Removed by Transfer	
29. Full Members Died	6
30. Christian Marriages Performed	
EDUCATIONAL	
31. Number of Schools	
32. Teachers	
33. Students (As Below)	
A. Male	
B. Female	
C. Total Students	
34. Finance—Ednl. (As Below)	
A. Total Receipts for Teachers' Support	
B. Total Teachers' Support	
C. Local Receipts for Other Purposes	
D. Subsidies	
E. Total Expenditures—Ednl. Depts.	
F. Receipts for Buildings	
MEDICAL	
35. Numbers of Units (As Below)	
A. Hospitals	
B. Dispensaries or Treatment Centres	
C. Maternity Centres or Depts.	
36. Medical Staff	
A. Doctors	
B. Nurses	
C. Nurses in Training	
D. Others	
37. Patients (As Below)	
A. Hospitalised	
B. Clinic Patients	
C. Daily Treatments	
38. Finances—Medical	
A Receipts from Fees and Local Gifts	
B. Subsidies	
C. Total Expenditures—Medical Dept.	
CHURCH FINANCES	
39. Ministerial Support	
A Pastors	
B. District Superintendents	
C. Episcopal Fund	
40 Conference Claimants	
41. Annual Conference Administration	
42. Central Conference Fund	
43. General Conference Administration	
44. Interdenominational Co operation Fund	£100
45. Benevolences (As Below)	
A. Ngariende	
B. Educational Loan Fund	
C. Other Benevolences	
46. Buildings and Repairs	
47. Other Purposes	
48 Total Contr. of the Local Churches (39-47	
49 Total Church Expenditures	
PROPERTIES	
50. Number of Church Buildings (As Below)	
A. Permanent	
B. Semi-Permanent	
C Temporary	
51. Number of Pastors' Residences	

DISTRICT TOTALS FOR 1956

WORKERS (*1)	Mtoko	Nyadiri	Mrewa	Mtasa Makoni	Honde	Marange Chiduku	Mutambara	Umtali Urban	Zimunya	Salisbury Urban	Conference Wokers	Missionaries not now on field	Grand Total for 1956
1. Members of Conference	3	5	8	11	1	8	6	4	2	2	[illegible]		50
2. On Trial	2	1	1	1		1							6
3. Missionaries		15	6	24		2	8	5		2	2	26	90
4. Other Missionary Workers	1			5				1					1
5. Approved Supply Pastors	1	2	6		3	3		1	2				18
6. Other Christian Life Workers		50		28	5		1	2		1	2		89
7. Volunteer Workers	62	214	258	276	15	321	25	60	67	7			1305
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY													
8. Baptized Children Under 12	123	310	1027	2295	153	1169	398	672	747	78			6972
9. Enrolled Beginners	3232	3542	1668	1141	101	2412	1643	100	239	49			14127
10. Preparatory Members	548	1014	844	1236	47	769	708	680	375	435			6656
11. Total on Probation (8, 9, 10)	3903	4866	3539	4672	301	4350	2749	1452	1361	562			27755
12. Full Members Enrolled	652	1289	2468	2827	270	2401	977	1912	1113	575			14484
13. Christian Families	166	234	567	726	64	888	247	875	93	163			4023
14. Members of Men's Society	105	89	144	149	44	161	55	82	36	13			878
15. Members of Women's Society	535	368	826	1058	80	918	317	470	425	45			5042
16. Members in Methodist Youth Fellowship	302	1458	309	590		231	363	242	84	28			3607
17. Number of Preaching Places	31	46	60	153	10	32	25	34	17	6			414
18. Sunday Schools (Number)	32	45	68	137	11	61	27	6	24	4			415
19. Teachers and Officers in S. S.	209	233	290	178	18	161	110	54	63	28			1344
20. Pupils in S.S.	5614	5014	4782	3368	590	3503	2566	780	997	377			27591
21. Average Attendance at S.S.	4156	3149	3158	2638	450	2786	1721	535	819	260			19672
PASTORAL ACTIVITIES this year (5)													
22. Children Baptized	56	80	229	292	18	202	62	251	93				1283
23. Adult Baptized	76	200	284	296	56	219	67	26	60	22			1306
24. Beginners Received	1344	1666	481	263		326	212	100	46	49			4487
25. Preparatory Members Received	204	302	300	213	34	232	223	89	104	15			1716
26. Full Members Received from Probation	97	219	311	230	56	266	140	98	41	15			1473
27. Full Members Received by Transfer	21	63	91	61	7	66	60	21	7	29			426
28. Full Members Removed by Transfer	22	70	80	70	43	85	22	95	54	209			751
29. Full Members Died	2	3	13	9	1	19	9	1	3				60
30. Christian Marriages Performed	32	20	57	73	7	70	20	29	31	6			345
EDUCATIONAL													
31. Number of Schools	31	31	39	29		32	20		15				197
32 Teachers	110	139	171	162		144	83		66				875
33. Students (As Below)													
A. Male	2819	2920	3006	2232		2688	1727		1292				16684
B. Female	1780	1925	3000	1720		2418	1335		1172				13350
C. Total Students	4599	4845	6006	3952		5106	3062		2464				30034
34. Finance—Ednl. (As Below)													
A. Total Receipts for Teachers' Support	£250	£162		£18									£430
B. Total Teachers' Support	£7143	£7206	£10880	£14392		£11400	£8021		£5304				£64346
C. Local Receipts for Other Purposes	£966	£3110		£3697					£374				£8147

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	Mtoko	Nyadiri	Mrewa	Mtasa Makoni	Honde	Marange Chiduku	Mutambara	Umtali Urban	Zimunya	Salisbury Urban	Conference Wokers	Missionries not now on field	Grand Totals for 1956
D. Subsidies	£7244	£3965		£15739		£600			667				£28215
E. Total Expenditures—Ednl. Depts.	£8396	£15379		£21541		£12000			633				£58549
F. Receipts for Buildings	£925	£6092				£3137							£10154
MEDICAL													
35. Number of Units (As Below)													
A. Hospitals		1		1			1						3
B. Dispensaries or Treatment Centres		5		1	1		7						14
C. Maternity Centres or Depts.		1		1	1		1						4
36. Medical Staff													
A. Doctors		1		1									2
B. Nurses		4		6	1		6						17
C. Nurses in Training		28			2								30
D. Others		7			1		12						20
37. Patients (As Below)													
A. Hospitalised		3559		930			1300						5789
B. Clinic Patients		12789		1904			4601						19294
C. Daily Treatments		20978					47460						68438
38. Finances - Medical													
A. Receipts from Fees and Local Gifts	£5	£1112		£384			£742						£1501
B. Subsidies		£3941		£595			£1200						£4536
C. Total Expenditures—Medical Dept.		£6304		£2312			£5428						£8616
CHURCH FINANCES													
39. Ministerial Support													
A. Pastors	£505	£748	£520	£792	£52	£666	£611	£1238	£270				£5402
B. District Superintendents		£180	£17			£13	£18	£19	£6				£253
C. Episcopal Fund		£6	£11			£8	£7	£9	£4				£45
40. Conference Claimants		£1	£20			£80	£28		£1				£130
41. Annual Conference Administration		£1	£3	£175	£10	£7	£1	£20					£217
42. Central Conference Fund		£10	£27			£20	£10	£11	£11				£89
43. General Conference Administration		£6				£9	£9	£8					£32
44. Interdenominational Co-operation Fund													
45. Benevolences (As Below)													
A. Ngariende	£15	£18	£19	£28		£4	£7	£15					£106
B. Educational Loan Fund		£22	£4	£16			£10	£5					£57
C. Other Benevolences	£1		£84	£80	£44	£24		£60					£293
46. Building and Repairs	£53	£1048	£36	£71		£1627	£196	£729					£3760
47. Other Purposes	£11		£3	£100		£29		£1040					£1183
48 Total Contr. of the Local Churches (39 47)				£1262	£106								£1368
49. Total Church Expenditures	£585	£2040	£744	£2524	£2[illegible]2	£2487	£897	£3154	£292				£12935
PROPERTIES													
50. Number of Church Buildings (As Below)													
A. Permanent		2	6	15	1	15	7	4	6				56
B. Semi-permanent	22	26	25	24		28	4		6				135
C. Temporary	10	1	3	12	4	18	1		3				52
Number of Pastors' Residences	5	5	6	5	2	4	4	1	2				34